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FASCIST PARTY PURGE BEGINNING

Fourteen regional heads of the Fascist Party have been removed from office, according to a Rome report quoted by the Swiss radio yesterday. The report added that their successors have already been appointed.—Reuter.

RAIDER BLOWN TO PIECES?

Last night, for the first time in four nights, anti-aircraft guns and enemy planes were heard in the London area and enemy planes were reported over widely scattered districts in England and Wales.

Raiders over London were kept at a high altitude by the intense barrage, aided by searchlights. While several planes were over a South of England area and anti-aircraft guns were in action, a vivid white flash was seen in the sky, followed by the sound of a terrific explosion.

The concussion shook houses 10 miles away.—Reuter.

THAILAND ADVANCE CLAIMED

The Thailand army is advancing steadily into Cambodia, most westerly province of French Indo-China, according to the latest High Command communique.

Fighting proceeding is stated to be on a scale greatly in excess of recent frontier skirmishes.

Ninety Thai aircraft supporting the land forces have made a series of intensive raids covering almost the entire province of Cambodia.

The communique announces that the French have abandoned their defense lines and have withdrawn far into the interior.

One of the heaviest attacks

Compelled To Evacuate Guba BRITISH TROOPS REACH GAZALA, BEYOND TOBRUK

AN ITALIAN AERODROME 30 miles beyond Tobruk has been taken by our forces, while the Italians have lost two posts in Abyssinia, one being taken by Abyssinian patriots, the other by a British patrol.

A Cairo communique says that the Abyssinians have driven the Italians out of Guba while British forces have taken an enemy post north-east of Kasala, on the Sudan frontier. British troops have reached Gazala, 30 to 40 miles beyond Tobruk and captured the aerodrome.

The communique's mention of the Abyssinian patriots is the first time they have been officially mentioned since anti-Italian ac-

tivity on a wide scale started in that country when Italy entered the war.

Guerilla Bands

Supported by the R.A.F., the Abyssinians forced the Italians to evacuate Guba and are now closing in around the fleeing Italians.

News of the flight of the Italians is bound to put fresh heart into the patriotic guerilla bands which have already done quite a bit against the Italians, for there have been reports of attacks on transports, raids on posts and the disruption of communications whenever possible.

"Patrol activity on the Sudan" has been mentioned quite frequently of late in official communiqués, and this activity has led to an attack on an enemy post north-east of Kasala. The Italians have evacuated from the post, which has been occupied by our own troops.

G.H.Q. Cairo announces that while preparations for the reduction of Tobruk are proceeding, our mechanized troops are now operating west of Tobruk.

More Explicit

An R.A.F. communique is a bit more explicit, and says that operations have now been extended as far as Gazala, on the coast over 30 miles beyond Tobruk, and that the aerodrome there has been occupied by our forces.

As in the case of Bardia, where 40 Italian planes were found on the ground, 35 Italian planes, in an unserviceable condition as a result of R.A.F. raids, were found on the field. The R.A.F. also reports that the weakness of the Italian air opposition has been largely due to our raids on their aerodromes.

The Italians tried to make a fight for it on Sunday, just before Bardia fell.

R.A.F. squadrons and an Australian squadron welcomed the challenge and shot down 19 enemy planes.

We lost one fighter and one bomber.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN CONSCRIPTION AGE

The widely forecast scheme to raise the conscription age in Britain to 45 was officially denied by the Ministry of Labour in London yesterday.

The Ministry announced that no proposal at present is contemplated for an alteration in existing age limits.—Reuter.

PETROL RATION REDUCED

The petrol ration in Eire is to be reduced by 75 per cent., beginning today, stated an official announcement issued in Dublin last night.

Supplementary allowances will be granted only in cases of essential national services which must be maintained.

The price is fixed at 2/2d. per gallon in the Dublin zone and 2/3d. in other parts of the country.—Reuter.

LEND AND LEASE PROGRESS

President Roosevelt summoned Democratic leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives to a conference yesterday afternoon on legislation to give him virtually unlimited authority to lend and lease war material to Britain and other nations warring against the Axis.

It is believed, the meeting has paved the way for the introduction of a Bill in Congress to-day.

One high authority stated the measure makes possible future appropriations in any amount which Congress may vote, delegating to the Government the fullest responsibility for handling "lend and lease" aid to the Democracies.

A member of the Administration told the press yesterday they were working hard on plans for releasing aeroplanes to Greece, and added: "We hope to do something soon"—Reuter.

The Free French Forces announce that the French submarine Narwhal has been sunk by enemy action while operating with the Allied Forces.—Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes. Three compartments in the unit provide three types of cold, a dry all-around cold for general maintenance, a quick freezing cold for quick freezing, and a second compartment designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Mould Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

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Pre-Entry Training Scheme For The Royal Air Force

INDO-CHINA BORDER CLASHES CONTINUE

Indo-China frontier guards routed a Thai detachment at Ampil, 12 miles north east of Poipet, according to a Havas message from Hanoi received in Vichy yesterday.

The message adds that French aircraft bombed two towns in Thailand as reprisal for raids by Siamese planes on Donchene, in Indo-China. — Reuter.

BURIAL OF CHIEF SCOUT

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, was buried yesterday afternoon in the tiny cemetery at Nyeri, in Kenya.

The funeral was carried out with full military honours befitting Lord Baden-Powell's rank as Lieutenant-General.

Lady Baden-Powell was not present as she had been obliged to go into the country to rest after the strain of nursing her husband during his illness.

The British Government has made an offer of burial in Westminster Abbey but the question whether the offer will be accepted or the remains transferred to Glwell (the Scout centre in Britain) will not be decided until after the war. — Reuter.

Invitation To Boys Of Sixteen

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE INAUGURATION OF NATIONWIDE PRE-ENTRY TRAINING FOR THE R.A.F., PROVIDING EDUCATION AND SERVICE TRAINING FOR BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18 YEARS, WAS ANNOUNCED BY SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY FOR AIR, YESTERDAY.

"We are making a broad highway into the R.A.F.," said Sir Archibald, "which will be open to young men who have every kind of education and experience, even those who have abandoned their education at an early stage."

REPRISAL ARREST

His characteristic loyalty has landed Sjoerd Gerbaandy, son of Holland's exiled Premier, in a Nazi gaol in Holland.

"Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, related yesterday that the Nazis ordered the arrest of Gerbaandy as a "reprisal arrest" but their quarry was so effectively sheltered that they had to arrest his friend as hostage.

When Gerbaandy heard his friend was arrested he surrendered and is now in prison, where one of his companions is the son of Van Boeklestein, Minister of Education. — Reuter.

It is estimated there are in Britain about 700,000 boys between these ages to whom the scheme will be open.

Provided they are physically fit and desire to serve eventually in the R.A.F. or the Fleet Air Arm — either as members of air crews or ground staffs — for the need to meet the requirements of recruitment and an essential reservoir of reserves is as important in one direction as the other they will be eligible to join the scheme.

Schoolboys from Elementary as well as Secondary and Public Schools and young artisans from all walks of life will equally benefit by training in air subjects.

Cadet Corps

Foundations of the Corps will be existing squadrons of the Air Defence Cadet Corps, the air sections of School Training Corps and University air squadrons.

These last squadrons are being re-established and increased in number to include universities in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Essential "homework" to enable the young men of Britain to take the "two great hurdles" — as Sir Archibald described them — high physical and education tests — before entering the air war, will be provided both on a school and local country or area basis.

Period of training will be nine months after which the trainee will return to school or occupation and wait to be called up.

New Director

New Director of Pre-Entry Training at the Air Ministry will be Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Headmaster of Uppingham School, and Air Commodore J. A. Chamler will be Commandant of the Corps.

As Air Marshal A. G. R. Garrod, Air Member for Training on the Air Council, remarked yesterday: "It may be the young men of 16 to-day who will tip the scales" when they enter the R.A.F. in 1942, if the war goes on that long.

It will even be within the discretion of local committees to admit boys of 15 years. — Reuter.

MUSLIM PRAYERS

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE ANNIHILATION OF FASCISM AND NAZISM WERE OFFERED BY MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT INDIA AT THE FEAST OF IDULZUHA ON WEDNESDAY.

Prayers for the safety of the Muslim countries in the Near and Middle East were also offered, while in Bhopal additional prayers of thanksgiving for the vic-

CASUALTIES ON CHINA GUNBOAT

British naval losses in operations off the Libyan coast in the river gunboat "Aphis" comprised two ratings killed; a Chief Petty Officer died from wounds, and two seamen wounded.

These, as already announced by the Admiralty, were the only naval casualties during the bombardment of Bardia. — Reuter.

NORWAY'S QUISLINGS WARNED

The Norwegian Government in London yesterday issued a statement declaring null and void appointments made by the authorities in German-occupied Norway without regard to established laws.

It was authoritatively stated in Norwegian circles in London yesterday that newly-established posts in State or Municipal governments will be subject to review when the legal Government is re-established in Norway.

Appointments due to political motives or other improper reasons will be annulled and possessors of such posts and those who appointed them will be held to account for their actions.

The Norwegian Government also declared that the confiscation of private property in Norway is null and void without a proper legal basis and that property thus seized will have to be returned to its former owners. — Reuter.

FRENCH IN BARDIA OPERATION

TWO BATTALIONS OF FREE FRENCH TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATIONS AGAINST BARDIA WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO REACH THE ROAD TO THE WESTWARDS, CUTTING OFF THE ITALIAN RETREAT IN THE DIRECTION OF TOBRUK, ACCORDING TO NEWS RECEIVED IN WELL-INFORMED FRENCH QUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The French repulsed one attempt by the Italians to escape, capturing a large number of prisoners, war material and supplies. Their ranks included many Spahis (French colonial cavalry) who, following France's collapse, escaped from Syria into Palestine to join the British forces. — Reuter.

Victory of the British Imperial forces in the Western Desert were offered. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL SINKS TO LOW DEPTH

Observations of Admiral Platon, Marshal Petain's Colonial Minister, in an interview yesterday that Britain wished to appropriate French colonies so as to use them as bargaining counters if a compromise peace was offered her, have been noticed with regret in authoritative quarters in London.

These quarters point out that the Admiral has reproduced apparently as a matter of personal opinion — the deliberate line of propaganda which the Germans have been fostering since the collapse of France.

It is recalled that the Prime Minister, in his broadcast to the French nation on October 21, made it abundantly plain that there was no foundation of truth in this line of propaganda.

Mr. Churchill said: "Don't imagine, as the German-controlled wireless tells you, that we English think to take your ships and colonies. We don't covet anything from any nation except respect." — Reuter.

200,000 GERMANS IN POLAND

About 200,000 Germans have now settled in Polish territory which has been incorporated into the Reich, according to figures available in Polish quarters in London last night.

Almost three-quarters of the Germans recently repatriated from the Baltic States are now in Poland, while about 75 per cent of Germans formerly resident in Poland have been presented with 15,000 expropriated Polish farming estates.

Twenty thousand German miners have been transplanted to the Katwice coal area. — Reuter.

ITALIANS ATTACK VIOLENTLY

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent On the Albanian Frontier)

"The Greeks yesterday repulsed a vigorous Italian attack south-west of Moshkopols, some 20 miles from the Yugoslav frontier.

The Italians are reported to have suffered heavy losses.

Fighting further north was restricted to artillery duels and patrol skirmishes, one of which occurred near Urdurisha, on the shores of Lake Ohrida.

Heavy rain fell in the afternoon but gunfire continued. — Reuter.



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ITALIAN AIR FORCE HARD HIT

Squadrons Caught On Ground In R.A.F. Raids

All Main Bases In Libya Receive Heavy Attacks

LIBERTY EQUALITY FRATERNITY

"My heart goes out to France in these days of her travail," said President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

He added: "I pray that the French people may soon again enjoy the blessings of peace with liberty, equality and fraternity." — Reuter.

Italian Tribute To R.A.F.

No force in the world could have stood up to the merciless pounding of the R.A.F., state two Italian generals taken prisoner when Bardia fell.

The R.A.F. machines, they said, came over as regularly as the hourly chimes of Bardia's clock.

They admired the skilful way in which the British planes confined their attacks to the defences and did not wilfully destroy the town.

Other Italian prisoners also speak of the great accuracy of the British bombing.

Few targets of military importance remain in Bardia, although the town itself has been hardly touched. — Reuter.

PATCHING UP PEACE

HUNGARIAN-RUMANIAN DISPUTES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, STATED A REPORT FROM BUCHAREST TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Rumanian delegation will presumably be headed by M. Valerian Pop, with the Iron Guard press chief, Alexander Randa, as his deputy.

The delegation will be divided into seven sections. — Reuter.

CHOICE FOR MEN OVER THIRTY

Men over 30 years of age, and due to register under the Military Service Act on January 11, or January 18, may apply for vacancies in the Civil Defence Forces in lieu of military service.

This was announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, yesterday. He stated that the vacancies concerned are in the Auxiliary Fire Services, first aid parties, and the Police War Reserve. — Reuter.

THE R.A.F. AGAIN CAUGHT THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE NAPPING AND STRUCK WITH REMORSELESS ENERGY AT SQUADRONS OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AT THEIR BASES, SAYS THE LATEST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique says: "Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. continued on Wednesday their intensive bombing of Italian aerodromes and landing grounds in eastern Libya.

"El Gazala, Martuba, Tommi and Genina were all heavily attacked, and in addition Ben Ghazi and Tobruk were raided.

M. M. FOR PACIFIST

He was a Christian Pacifist, but experience as an R.A.M.C. private in France and at Dunkirk of Germany's all-in methods made him change his mind.

For his bravery out there—before he changed his mind—he won the military medal.

Now he is training to take a commission in a fighting regiment.

He is Patrick Kelly Mayhew, second son of Sir Basil and Lady Mayhew, of Felthorpe Hall, Norfolk, but he has talked so little to his parents about his experiences at Dunkirk that they do not know what he did to win his decoration.

"We can only guess why the decoration was given," Lady Mayhew told the "Daily Mirror." "I know that he volunteered to stay behind with the wounded at La Panne, and I know he had some amazing adventures in getting wounded across the Channel from Dunkirk.

Said Nothing

"We do not know exactly why he has changed his mind about fighting. He has not talked to us about his change of opinion, but we think it must be his experiences at Dunkirk that have convinced him that pacifism is not enough.

"It may be, of course, that he realises the need to defend Britain against the Germans.

"Patrick is now with an officers' training unit, his application for a commission in a fighting regiment having been accepted.

When he was at Oxford he got his Blue for Rugby and played a prominent part in the unexpected defeat of Cambridge in 1937.

"After that he was accepted by the Home Office for two years' training as a probation officer. This work was in keeping with the Christian pacifist beliefs he learned at Oxford.

"He joined as a private in the R.A.M.C. just after war broke out, and went to France in January."

JAPANESE MISSION IN BERLIN

A JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION WAS TO ARRIVE IN BERLIN LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO A GERMAN RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT.

Headed by General Yamashita, the mission is expected to remain in Germany some time, and extensive contacts in the military sphere are expected as provided

100 'Planes Bombed

"At Benina about 100 enemy aircraft on the ground were heavily bombed. Several of them were destroyed and others badly damaged.

"Seven Savoia bombers on the Tommi landing ground were seen to be burnt out."

A particularly heavy raid was made on Ben Ghazi. Four of five ships received direct hits and a number of fires were started in warehouses.

A further bombing attack was also made on Wednesday on Tobruk defences and other military objectives.

Italian convoys north-west of Girarabus were attacked both by bombers and fighters and considerable damage caused.

Submarine Base Bombed

The communique also breaks the silence on R.A.F. activity on Tuesday.

That night, as on the night before, Massawa, in Italian Eritrea, was the target of British bombers.

The communique states: "The power station and submarine base were selected for special attack. A number of high explosive bombs fell on the submarine base, starting a fire."

During daylight on Tuesday, as already announced from Athens, a successful raid was made on military stores and buildings at Elbasan (Albania) despite terribly bad weather.

Not a single aircraft was lost during the operations under review. — Reuter.

INTERNMENT CAMP SUICIDE ATTEMPT

An attempt to end his life was made by an inmate of the Chinese Soldiers Internment Camp in Argyle Street yesterday. The man who was found hanging from a beam at noon was cut down by fellow-inmates and conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SEES MARSHAL PETAIN

Admiral Leahy, the new United States Ambassador to the Vichy Government, had half an hour's talk with Marshal Petain yesterday afternoon, according to a Vichy report. — Reuter.

under the Three-Power Pact, the announcer added.

The delegation travelled via Russia. — Reuter.

POLES EXECUTED BY NAZIS

Six more Poles have been executed by the German authorities for being in possession of firearms and concealing ammunition, according to Polish quarters in London yesterday.

A Polish peasant in Kalisz was sentenced to death for an attack on a German prison warden. — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

Chief activity on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was again confined to certain sections. Ralls were strong on a maintenance of provincial enquiry, together with speculative buying on dividend hopes. Kaffirs attracted a good deal of attention while oils, after making further headway finished under the best on profit-taking. Elsewhere prices were quiet owing to attention being diverted to the three above groups. Gilt-edged were inclined to ease. Foreign issues were quiet but Chinese Loans were well supported. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

DE GAULLE MOVEMENT SPREADING

General De Gaulle, leader of all Free Frenchmen, was called a "great Christian leader" who gained his inspiration from the glorious Christian past of his country by Cardinal Himsley, Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday.

Every obstacle in the way of complete Anglo-French understanding and friendship should be removed and every explanation called for should be given, said the Archbishop.

Growing support for General De Gaulle in France is stressed by the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "Godesborg Post," who quotes the German paper "National Zeitung" as stating that "the French behave like victors instead of the vanquished."

Everywhere, officers and others express sympathy with General De Gaulle and some circles openly work against Germany, the Nazi paper complains. — Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR ALBANIA

The Italians have sent numerous reinforcements by sea and air across the Straits of Otranto to Albania, according to the correspondent of the French newspaper "Le Temps" on the Italian frontier yesterday, says Reuter.

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EPIDEMIC OF SCURVY BREAKS OUT IN HOLLAND

AN EPIDEMIC OF SCURVY has broken out in Holland, and the Dutch people firmly believe that Hitler's "grain and rye" loaf is responsible.

So sure are they that they have named the present acute form of the disease "broods-churfft" or bread scurvy.

Messages reaching the "Vrij Nederland" (the Dutch newspaper published in London) indicate the great concern of the health-loving Dutch people, who state that dried Dutch bulbs, which are now unsaleable, are being ground down and mixed with flour supplied by the Germans.

Food Stocks Impounded

The widespread nature of this conviction caused the German authorities to issue a flat denial, but the Dutch persist in the view that ersatz material is being used in flour.

Food throughout Holland is by no means plentiful. Uncensored letters reaching the "Vrij Nederland" show that 20,000 people feed at communal centres at Utrecht daily.

Much of Holland's food stocks have been impounded by the German authorities, just as many thousands of Dutch workers have been transported to Germany.

This removal of workers from Holland forebodes to failure all present German efforts to organize Dutch industry for the German war effort, for in addition to the fact that there are no raw materials for war manufactures available, the voluntary Nazi labour service scheme in Holland is singularly lacking in recruits. — Reuter.

BLAST INJURIES — A WARNING

Warning of a danger that injury to lungs caused by bomb blast may go unrecognized and the accompanying shock be put down to other causes, is given in "The Lancet", the medical newspaper.

The lungs can be damaged by blast without there being any injury to the body surface, but there may be delay before symptoms develop.

"In cases of asphyxia due to this cause," it is added, "the Schafer method (the usual method) of artificial respiration will prove not only ineffective, but even harmful, and this will have to be made clear to first aid workers."

"When no adequate cover is available the effects of high explosive on the lungs can be greatly lessened by lying on the ground."

Clothing Tests

Three naval doctors, who had examined twenty-seven victims of night explosive bombing, found that in fifteen of the patients was "ballooning" of the lower part of the chest. There was no satisfactory explanation of this.

Dr. S. Zuckerman describes explosion blast tests on rabbits whose trunks were clothed in various thicknesses of rubber. They showed that it is the pressure wave of blast which bruises the lungs by its impact on the body-wall.

"They also demonstrate that this effect can be prevented, or diminished, if the body is clothed in a suitable material which is able to take up and disperse the pressure wave."

T. U. CHIEF ON NAZI TYRANNY

A remarkable trade union indictment of Nazi tyranny has just been circulated among the British unions by Mr. John Marchbank, the railwaymen's leader. Describing the struggle as "a people's war," Mr. Marchbank says: "If there were ever any doubt about it, the tragic events of the last months have brought the truth home to working people."

Through the under ground channels of the international trade union and Socialist movement, Mr. Marchbank has received continuous information of the enslavement of the workers of Germany and the occupied territories. This information has proved that Hitlerism is a "slave system, more ruthless, complete and aggressive than any form of serfdom which existed in the Middle Ages. The tortures of the concentration camp and the Gestapo terrorise the people."

Mr. Marchbank continues: "Nazi tyranny extends to the inner life of the people. It sows suspicion, fear and hate in the very bosom of the family. None dare trust his neighbour with his innermost thoughts or speak freely even in his own home. The authority of the State, of the Nazi party or the ruling clique amongst its leaders is absolute."

Ensure Swift Supplies

"It is our war because the working people have flung their energies into the work of equipping the fighting forces, have surrendered for the time being vital safeguards of normal industrial life so that the war trades shall be kept in continuous production and to ensure swift and ample supplies of every essential weapon."

"It is our war, the people's war, because it will decide whether we are to live under Governments of our own choosing or be delivered, bound hand and foot, to tyrannical rulers who know no law except their own cruel caprices. In the countries under the heel of the dictators, men

ITALY IN FINANCIAL MORASS

Only 40 per cent of the year's expenditure will be covered by revenue under the Italian Budget, according to the Zurich newspaper "Stampa" yesterday.

Revenue during the next financial year is estimated at 29 milliard lire. For the previous five years deficits aggregated 80 milliard lire.—Reuter.

MOTHERS WIFELESS MEN

(By A Special Correspondent)
Mrs. Davie, a plump, silver-haired woman, has the job of mothering twenty-four husbands whose wives have been evacuated.

Before the war she was housekeeper to M.P.'s and other tenants of a block of luxury flats. Now she runs a husbands' hostel.

It is a house near Charlton Village, Blackheath, which has been loaned to Greenwich Borough Council by a doctor. There, for 34s. 6d. a week, a man can get a bed, breakfast, supper and amusements.

"It's a real home from home—and that's saying a lot," said Mr. John West, the first of the lodgers, to-day.

With his fourteen-year-old son, Johnny, he works at Millwall Docks, cycling ten miles to work every morning and back at night. His wife and six of the children have gone to Northamptonshire.

It was supper time. "Usually, at this time of night and with the family away," he said, "I should be mucking about with the gas stove and dishes trying to get a meal together, and then carrying blankets to the public shelter."

"Instead of that, I can get a wash and sit down to a spread that makes your mouth water—and sleep as safely, here, in the basement on a decent bed."

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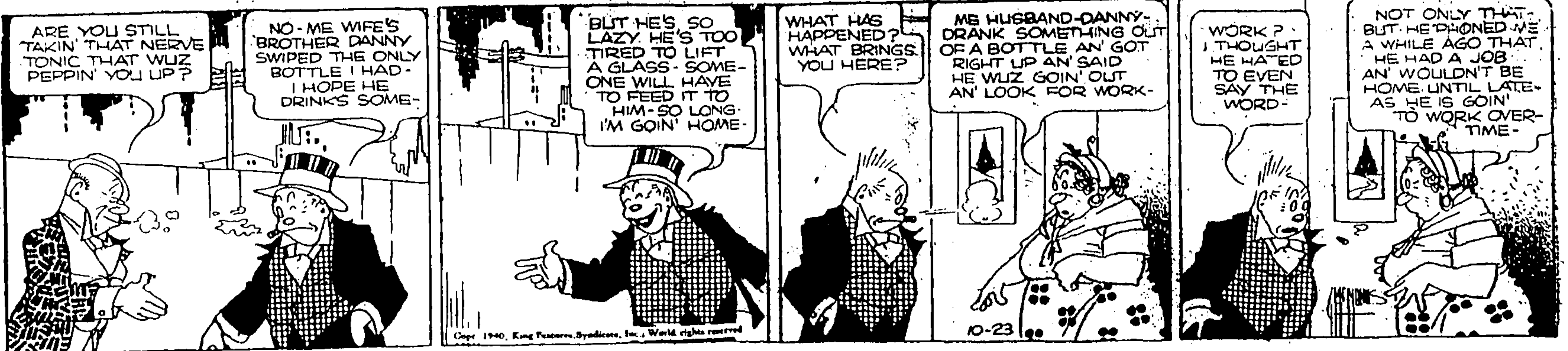
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They learn why German submarines and Italian submarines follow different manoeuvring methods. When an inquisitive visitor asked, "Have you got any

PILOT MISSING

A young bride of eight weeks is anxiously awaiting news of her airman husband, Pilot Officer D. C. Shepley, R.A.F., who has been missing since his last air battle on August 12.

His wedding gifts to her was R.A.F. wings in diamonds.

She was Miss Frances Linseott, a Red Cross nurse, of Sidcup, Kent, and as she was being driven happily to the church the car was held up by twelve Red Cross nurses who wished to give her a wedding greeting. She was a June bride.

Pilot Officer Shepley lost his sister Jean when the liner York-shire was torpedoed in the Atlantic in October. On May 31, his brother, Lieutenant George Rex Shepley was killed in action at Dunkirk.

Now Mrs. Shepley has been notified by the Air Ministry that her husband is missing.

Fellow pilots say that he shot down two and possibly three German machines before he himself had to bale out. The family hope he is a prisoner.

All three were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shepley, of Woodthorpe Hall, Holmesfield, near Sheffield.

yet?" the Commander smiled enigmatically.

"We can't say," he replied. "We hope we have. If we haven't, then an awful number of whales have gone to Davy Jones's locker."

PREFER OUR OFFICERS

Legal protection for French Legionnaires who deserted because they wished to serve under British officers was urged in Parliament recently.

The appeal was made by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Aston-under-Lyme) in a debate on the Allied Forces Bill.

Sir Edward Grigg, Financial Secretary to the War Office, said the Government was trying to give legal sanction to the establishment of six foreign armies on British soil.

The Bill provided the necessary machinery for enforcing various foreign codes, and dealt with the action our civil authorities were to take in regard to arrest of deserters and the holding of foreign Service men sentenced to imprisonment.

Hid From Police

Mr. Wedgwood said that at Narvik the French Foreign Legion had a chance of comparing their officers with British officers.

Later many deserted and some hid from the police in his constituency. A great number of them refused to embark for France and they were interned.

But, because there were so many of them and because they had done it rather publicly, they were admitted into the Auxiliary Pioneer Corps, in which they were now doing good work teaching British members the use of bombs.

Their Only Offence

The House ought to make certain that they were not passing a Bill which would continue the internment, at the expense of Britain, of men whose only offence was that they refused to go back to France and serve under French officers when they wished to serve under British officers.

The Attorney-General said it would not be possible to insert in the Bill a restriction on Allied Governments keeping them from exercising any discipline over non-nationals whom they lawfully had in their forces.

Sir Edward Grigg said the Government were ready to go carefully into the reasonableness of the conditions to be enforced by them under the Bill.

The Bill was read a third time.

ITALY ROBS MALTA

Malta's financial loss through Italian banking default at the Banco di Roma is estimated at £430,000, with possible credits of about £11,000.

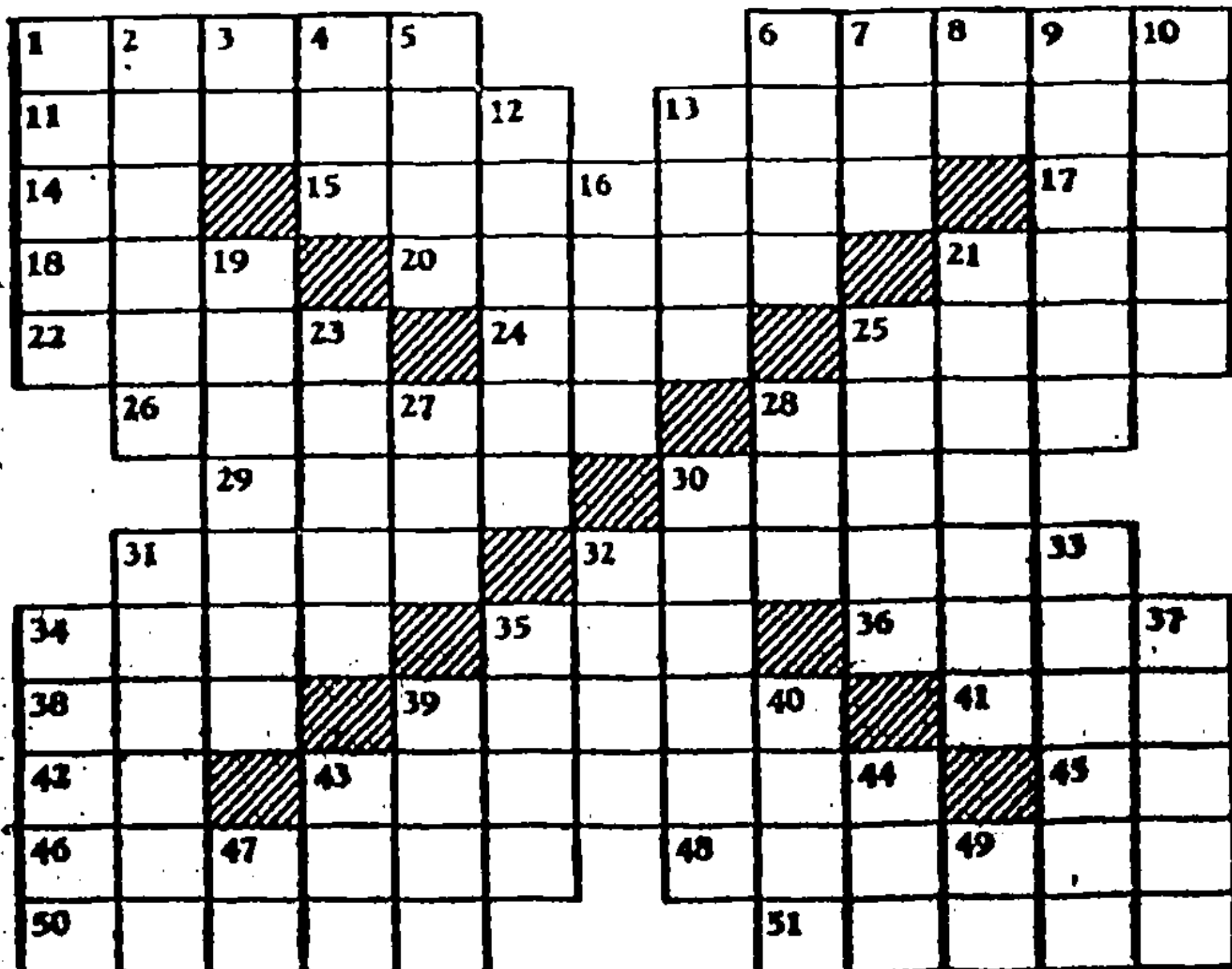
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- 21 Slender finial
- 22 To slip
- 24 Adage
- 25 Entrap
- 26 Mount on which Noah landed the ark
- 28 Package
- 29 Mohammedan governor
- 30 Hindu garment
- 31 On top of
- 32 Slender sewing needles
- 34 Small valley
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- 36 River in Belgium
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- 39 Coronet
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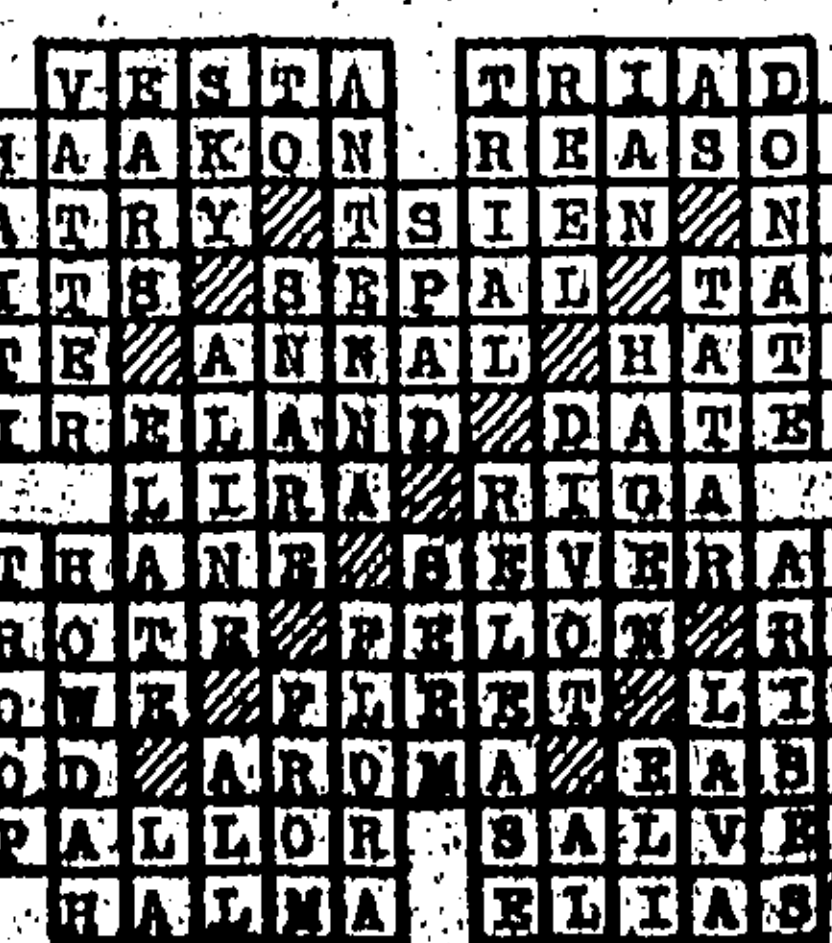
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- 7 Conjunction
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- 9 Wigwag (var.)
- 10 Country in Asia
- 12 Light-horse trooper
- 13 To masticate
- 16 Mountain pass
- 19 Brigands
- 21 Oval
- 23 Friend of Pythias
- 25 To evade
- 27 To tear
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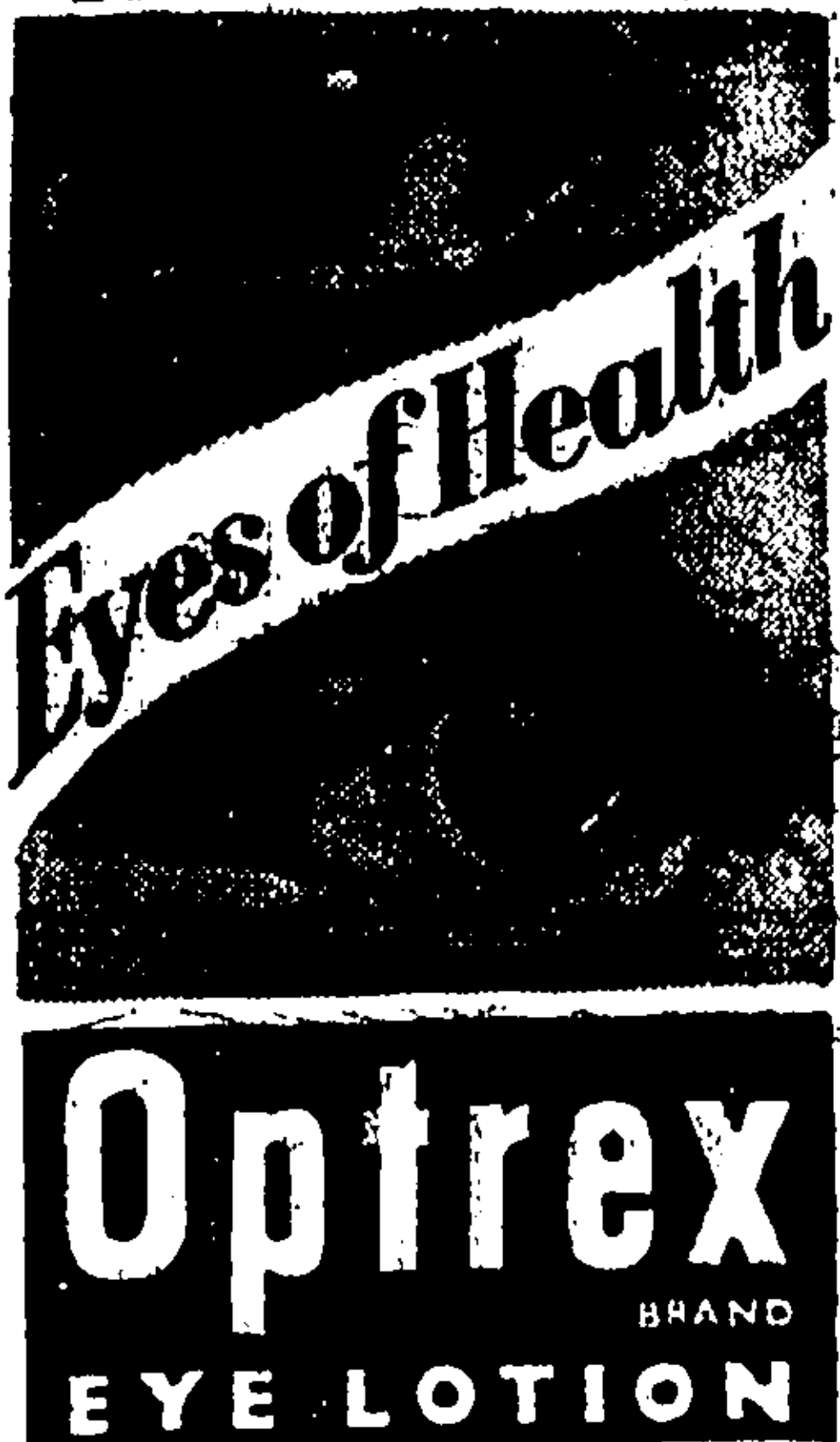
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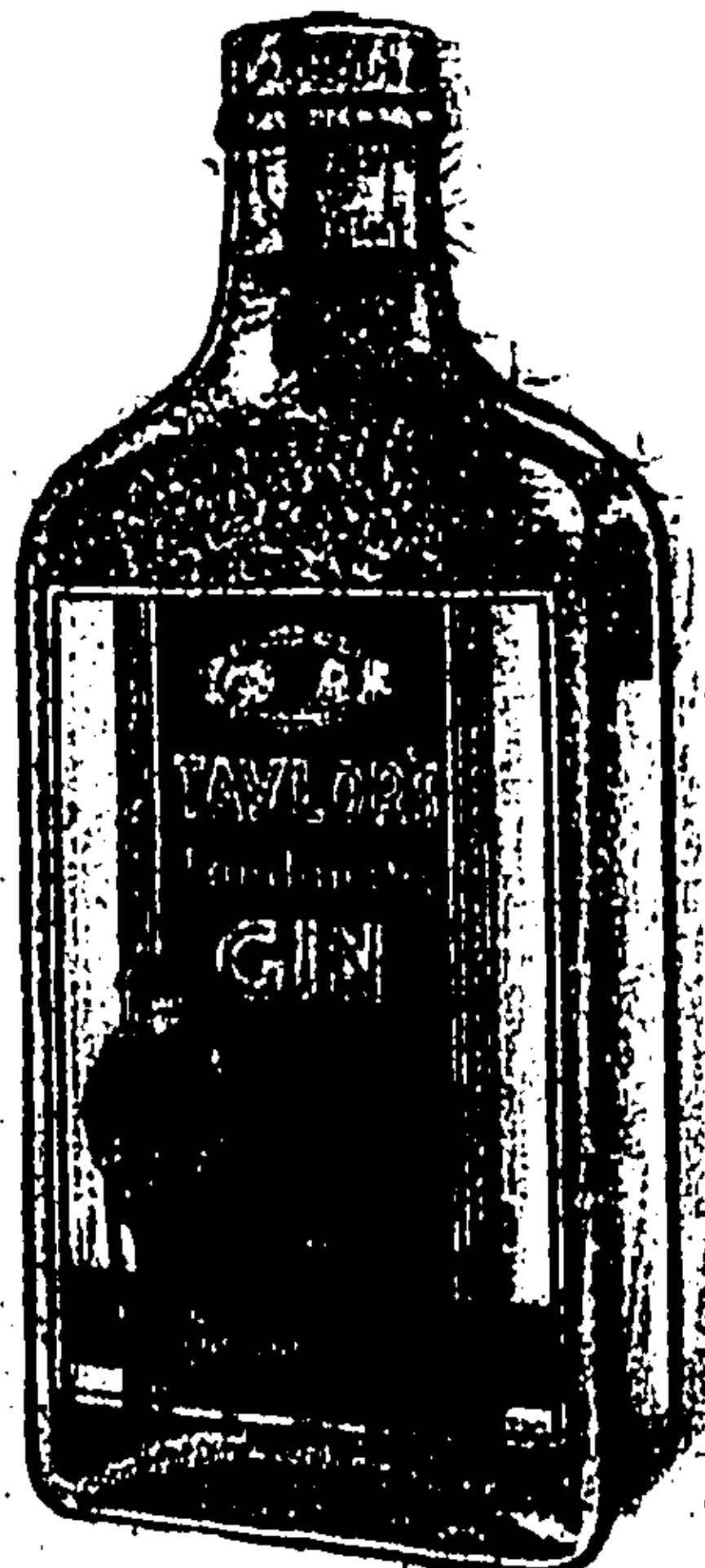
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18, HE LED ENEMY TO THE NAVY

RUNNING A FLAG up and down the mast of a defenceless fishing boat, a one-armed boy aged eighteen lured a squadron of German bombers to destruction by the guns of the Navy.

Hero is Jimmy Travers, of Torquay, whose father Morton Travers, is skipper of the fishing boat, has sailed six times round the world, and has been shipwrecked five times.

The Germans were attacking a warship, but they left her when they spotted the decoy. In a gale they chased the little ship mile after mile — showering bombs all around her, but never hitting — till it was too late to dodge the waiting Navy.

The fishing boat had escaped from France.

Told to raise a crew and take the boat over at an English port, Travers found his men within an hour.

Three of them were boys of eighteen. There was an engineer, a chef, a mechanic and French officers in the engine room. When they put out they quickly ran into a seventy-eight-knot gale.

Big Seas Saved Her

"We spotted the bombers and the attacked warship two hours out," Skipper Travers told a reporter. "We steamed as close as we could and then I ordered the French Tricolour to the masthead. Jimmie kept running it up and down till the bombers spotted us."

"They came after us, but the heavy seas which we had cursed came to our rescue, the breakers washing over the ship and acting as camouflage. And they were scared to fly too low, afraid that we might be a heavily-armed decoy. We hadn't a pistol on board!"

"Their bombs were dropping wide and there were other things to worry about. I sighted a huge roller ahead and as it swept over us I gave up all hope of getting through."

"That very moment the Jerries dropped eight bombs, the ship lurched and seemed to shoot out of the sea. Then I saw the sky again and knew that we were safe."

"The bombs had dropped so close that the force of their explosion had lifted us out of danger."

Not One Escaped

"But the Nazis had followed us too far. The Navy was waiting for them and I was told that not one of them was allowed to escape."

"Sixteen hours after putting to sea we reached our destination, everything adrift, the galleys knee deep in water, the crew dog tired but happy. They even fell asleep over their food."

GERMAN EXPECTED DEATH

Hearing someone banging at his door and calling out in a foreign language Mr. Sidney Wrinch, of Erwardon, Suffolk, grabbed a shotgun and went to the door. Outside he found a Nazi airman, apparently an officer, covered with mud from head to foot.

"He appeared to be asking if he was in Holland," said Mr. Wrinch. "When I told him he was in England he looked very dejected, gave a cry of despair, and drew one hand across his throat."

As the Nazi did not speak English it took Mr. Wrinch and his family an hour to persuade him that they were not going to kill him.

One Nazi airman is still at large. He knocked on the door of a station-master's house early in the morning. The station-master's wife called her husband. Hearing the man cry, "Wait until I get my gun," the Nazi made off and has not been seen since.

MINISTER SAYS 'RAZE CITIES'

We should give the Nazis fair warning that we are going to raze a good many of their cities to the ground, Dr. John Short, minister of Richmond Hill Congregational Church, Bournemouth, told a church meeting.

"I think it could be justified on Christian grounds," he said. He urged retaliation for German bombing of non-military objectives and the machine-gunning of civilians.

"The time has come," he said, "when with our strength we should teach these bullies a lesson which will make them stop their terrorism in our midst."

"I don't think that it weakens a nation to stand up to bullies."

"I think it is bad psychology on the part of our statesmen to say, 'We shall not retaliate.'"

"The Nazi mentality will take advantage of our Christian scruples. The more I hear of women and children being mangled the more I feel this."

THE R.A.F. DROPS A BRICK

WHEN BRITISH airmen bomb Berlin they almost invariably take with them their own missiles in addition to their load of bombs.

This "private war" which R.A.F. men carry on against the German capital was revealed by Squadron Leader R. Collard, a Kent man who has twice raided Berlin.

"When we go there," he said, "the tendency is for members of the crew to take other things with them besides bombs."

"The tall gunner, for instance, usually takes a brick with him with something like 'With love from Harry' written on it."

"Sometimes they take a little incendiary bomb of their own."

On his first flight to Berlin, Squadron Leader Collard found the city covered by clouds, so he bombed a target elsewhere. On his second trip, when he started from Britain at 11 p.m. and got back at 7 a.m. he was able to unload on the target in the German capital.

Berlin Was Blazing

"The Hun's heavy flak was extremely accurate," he went on. "We started to scull around for some time, finding the target. Berlin is almost ringed round by lakes and canals, and if there is a bit of moon it is easy to pick up the lakes."

"We found our target area and dropped our bombs. As we went away the flak reached its worst, but we set course for home all right."

"Looking back we could see two or three quite gratifying fires. Berlin was blazing pretty nicely that night. I can assure you."

"Senile" At 29

Squadron Leader Collard explained that R.A.F. machines took different routes to Berlin, and said: "Do not get the idea that bombing Berlin is a hell of a show. It is a routine job now."

He described the bombing of the invasion ports as "very nice trips."

Squadron Leader Collard is twenty-nine.

"I am reckoned to be pretty well senile in flying circles, and looked upon as having one foot in the grave," he said.

"The navigator was a chemist in Leeds before he joined."

"The wireless operator is a Scotsman and one of the most imperturbable men I have ever met."

"On the way out during a long bombing trip there is very little for the wireless operator to do, and this one in my machine reads thrillers."

"When we get over the target he usually opens the hatchway for a moment and looks at the 'flak' and then goes back to his book."

From Another World

"The rear-gunner is an officer, and I take my hat off to rear-gunners in general, for it must be a dog's life sitting at the back all alone."

"Mine is thirty. He, too, is most imperturbable. I have never known the calm infection of his voice to alter even at the most exciting moments when we are over a hot spot."

"To hear his voice coming from the back in such circumstances is like hearing a voice from another world."

24 SAVED BY 'PLANES AT SEA

Twenty-four survivors of a British ship have been rescued through the help of three Blenheim's of the Coastal Command after being adrift for nine hours.

The Blenheim's were patrolling when the pilots saw a white speck fluttering on the water. Investigating, they found a raft and several floats filled with men. One man had a white rag, which he was waving vigorously.

Two of the Blenheim's remained circling over the men while the third, after dropping its own dinghy near the raft, sped back to its base to report.

Soon high-speed motor-boats came out to the rescue.

CHINA MAIL
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EMPIRE WAR PLANS

It is not surprising that both in the Dominions and in our own country suggestions should have been made for the establishment of an Imperial War Cabinet. Every part of the Empire is far more deeply affected by the course and the issue of the present struggle than by that of 1914-1918. Empire contributions to the war effort come from largely increased resources and are much greater now than they were then. The year 1917 gave a memorable precedent for the meeting of an Imperial War Cabinet which added to the British members the Prime Ministers of nearly all the Dominions, and concurrently with it an Imperial War Conference was in session. Let us remark, however, that in 1940 no proposal for an Imperial Cabinet has emanated from authoritative sources in any of the Dominions.

At the end of 1916 Mr. Lloyd George told the House of Commons that "the time had come when the Dominions ought to be more formally consulted as to the progress and course of the war," and this was the reason for the summoning of the Imperial Conference and Cabinet. We live now in a different world. The Dominions have a new status of full and free equality in the British Commonwealth of Nations. From the beginning of the struggle with Nazism they have been in the closest contact with the Government here. The Secretary for the Dominions meets the Dominion High Commissioners daily, and the High Commissioners have weekly conferences of their own to correlate the policies of their own countries. The Prime Minister also keeps in touch with the Prime Ministers of the Dominions and they with one another. Such a system would hardly be improved by the formation of an Imperial War Cabinet. In 1917 there was considerable difficulty in securing the presence of all the Dominion Premiers, and when they did reach London they could only stay for 14 meetings. The objections to their absence from the strenuous activities of their home lands would be much greater now.

Organisation of the Empire for war is already in an advanced state. The promises of Australia and Canada, typical of the other Dominions and Colonies and territories, for "an all-in war effort" and for "the maximum effort which is physically possible" are well on the way to fulfilment. Rapidly growing industrial resources have enabled the Dominions to add invaluable contributions of all kinds to the splendid reinforcements of man power and the wealth of raw materials which they send us. The Empire Air Plan, which has its home in Canada, is one of the most conspicuous examples of the co-operation of the whole British Commonwealth. As the chief link between us and the Western Hemisphere Canada has been of the greatest assistance in working out Empire policy. On the other side of the globe fuller mobilisation of the economic and industrial resources of the southern and eastern Empire lands will be developed in the conference at Delhi at which India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and African and Asian colonies are represented. With such proof of effectual consultation for the expansion of a united war effort there seems little reason to desire an Imperial War Cabinet. Perhaps we should rather say that such a Cabinet is actually, though not formally, in being by the association of Ministers in Whitehall with Ministers overseas, in complete unison of purpose and determination so to order their national affairs as to deploy for the battle of the Empire of Freedom every unit of power which their countries can develop.

In his chapter on war propaganda, one of the most famous and self-revealing sections of "Mein Kampf," Hitler declares that "the receptive powers of the masses are very restricted, their understanding feeble, their forgetfulness, on the other hand, vast."

The German people the predestined lords of creation, notoriously exhibits all these qualities to a degree which puts it in a class by itself, and no less prominently in its own class stands Hitler's agility in exploiting them for his own purposes.

An instructive demonstration of his talents in this direction is being forced upon him by the necessity of explaining why the promised invasion of Britain is failing week after week to materialise. It has begun to take no less a form than the "debunking" of his own much vaunted patent and monopoly, the blitzkrieg.



Breaking War Speed Records

An example of this somewhat surprising departure was a recent broadcast in German from the Zeesen radio station in which, with reference to the invasion, it was asserted that "the period may be short or long, for, although the whole world associates Germany with the blitzkrieg, she is not anxious to break war speed records."

Now in the past blitzkrieg has always been understood to mean precisely the "breaking of war speed records." There is, in fact, no other meaning it can bear, and if Hitler is now trying to persuade the German people that it means anything else he must be relying for success on that "feebleness" of his countrymen's understanding which has served him so well in so many other respects.

In any case it must need an exceptional draft on the "forgetfulness" of the German masses to pretend that Germany "is not anxious to break war speed records." So long as she was in fact breaking them there were the most abundant evidences both of her satisfaction in achieving them and of her desire to go on achieving more.



Zero Hour That Has Tarried

After the campaigns in Poland and in Holland, Belgium and France exultation was at least as great over the speed as over the magnitude of the victories. Not only so, but after the fall of France there was any amount of boasting that the last and greatest of the war speed records was about to be accomplished before the eyes of an awestruck world.

On June 20, for example, two days prior to the French armistice, the "Deutschlandsender" announced that "in a few weeks England will lie on the ground as broken as France is now." On June 24 the Transoceanic News Cable proclaimed that "danger exists for England in that the Fleet remains blocked in its ports, and that naval war will not develop owing to the rapidity of the German action."

The statement that the British Fleet remained locked in its ports was hardly confirmed when, on July 3, the powerful French flotilla at Oran was engaged and put out of action. Propagation of the belief that invasion was imminent nevertheless continued unabated.

Bremen radio, for example, on July 10 declared that "the British Government of 1801 took the matter more seriously than the British Government appears to do now, although the menace at that time could not in any way bear comparison with the menace of to-day."

Five days later Zeesen radio told the German people that "although the exact minute of the attack is known only to the Fue-

Piping Down On Blitzkrieg Boastings

Hitler's Inventors of Illusions and Their Present Anxiety to Explain Things Away

By J. C. Johnstone

It is generally felt that there are only a few moments to go. Several months have passed, and to-day, in January, 1941, there is still no attempt to "leap the ditch."

There followed, on July 19, Hitler's Reichstag speech, with his "last appeal to reason," which was received in Britain with appropriate contempt. The sort of thing that was being written in the latter part of the month is typified in the opening words of an article on the New Order which appeared in the official Stuttgart organ of the Nazi party on July 28.

The peoples of the earth (we read) are still holding their breath and awaiting the annihilating blow which Germany will launch against the British Isles now that the money-bag tyrants, in their hypocrisy and criminal obstinacy, have rejected the Fuehrer's magnanimous peace offer. After the new Reich's demonstration of its armed might England will not get another chance.



Britain Blind To Her Doom

Her isolation, it was boasted, was no longer "splendid" but "hopeless," and "approaching doom" was the characteristic headline of the day.

No doubt at all can exist that the heavy air attacks against this country inaugurated on Aug. 11 and continued ever since were intended as the prelude to an early invasion. Nor can there be any doubt that at that time the German High Command was expecting to make a spectacular ad-

dition to its already impressive list of "war speed records" by the rapidity with which it would assert the mastery of the British skies.

What they actually got was a record in the speed of their own disillusionment. The wireless stations began piping down somewhat on their prophecies of invasion, but the Press remained confident as ever. Thus we find Theodor Seibert, a former well-known correspondent in London, writing in the "Voelkischer Beobachter" on Sept. 1 as though the smash-up of Britain were already a fait accompli.

"England," he said, "is like a suicide who has repeatedly pushed away the lifebelt when it was thrown to him, and who now, every time his head emerges above the waves, shouts filthy oaths at his rescuer. Never has a great Empire found its end in so crazy a melodrama, destitute of all greatness."



The Intoxication Of Success

Even as late as Sept. 19 there appeared in the Muenchner Illustrierte Presse the following caption to a picture of a British sand-bag redoubt on the Channel coast: "Reminiscence of the primitive structures of early 1915: can this stop an army for which even a Maginot Line presented no obstacle?" The page on which this appeared was entitled "General Bluff's Picture File."

In retrospect it looks very much as if Hitler allowed intoxication with his French successes to cloud his judgment; for in putting out

his over-confident propaganda about the invasion of Britain he violated one of his own fundamental canons of good war propaganda. In the aforementioned chapter of "Mein Kampf" he says you should never encourage your own side to under-estimate the enemy since a resulting disillusion may endanger its morale.

German propaganda in the last war, he avers, was guilty of this error to such a degree that "in the end Germans turned down everything they were told by their own side as 'swindle' and 'rot.'" Thus, he goes on, "German propaganda afforded us an incomparable example of how the work of 'enlightenment' should not be done."

It is not, of course, falsehoods as such that Hitler condemns, but falsehoods that are liable to be found out. So tight are his precautions against leakages of news into Germany from the outside world that his daily budget of lies is almost completely proof against detection except by the minority which takes the risk of illegally listening in to foreign stations.



Fuehrer's Haunted Dreams

But after all his strictures in "Mein Kampf," it is amusing to see his own propaganda machine struggling to escape from the toils of its false "enlightenment" in such matters as the invasion and the vaunted immunity from air attack. Is it altogether fanciful to imagine him just now beginning to be haunted in his dreams by those fateful cries of "swindle" and "rot"?

As the whole non-Axis world knows, it is the men of our Fighter Command who have so grievously disarranged his invasion plans, and it is from our point of view profoundly satisfactory to note the accumulating evidences of the disarray. Yet far be it from us to fall into the opposite error of assuming too readily that the invasion is "off." The half-million troops whom Mr. Churchill tells us Hitler has ready to throw on to, or into, the sea any night are not there for nothing, nor are they a mere General Bluff's armada.

Nothing would please Hitler more than to see us relaxing our vigilance in the comfortable assurance that the danger has passed. For all we know he may be awaiting the long nights and the autumn mists to take his chance, especially if he thinks he can catch us off our guard.



Invincibility A Lost Legend

It is one of the supreme merits of Mr. Churchill's methods that he never hesitates to tell us unpalatable truths and never encourages a false sense of security. It is likewise a tribute to our national character and institutions that we prefer a leader who openly acknowledges that he has "nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat" rather than one who flatters us with a facile but deceptive optimism.

For all the sheepish docility of the German people Hitler dare not address them in the terms just quoted. He has always to be offering them the contents of the cornucopia, and to be making them believe that new victories and greater glories are just round the corner.

His nimbus of invincibility has become the most important part of his political stock-in-trade, and though it is not yet by any means dissolved, it has undeniably lost some of the fleecy gilt which appeared to adorn it in June. He is discovering in fact, that invincibility can have its nemesis as well as its nimbus.

"It Must Feel Swell To Be British"

I have been sitting back to meditate awhile after receiving a letter from my American cousin. It has taken me some moments to recover my balance; for it rather took my breath away.

"Your R.A.F. is superb in performance and behaviour." "All America is crazy about your Navy." "It must feel swell to

By M. Watson

be British..." and a great deal more. My correspondent has the all-in enthusiasms of youth.

After a while I remember his earlier letters. The first one, written on the declaration of war, amounted to a three-page lecture upon the errors of Versailles. Not a severe lecture; written more in sorrow than in anger, I remember I replied meekly, admitting that Britain was not blameless. But, without comment, I tucked into the envelope cuttings I had preserved of excerpts from Lloyd George's defence of the Versailles Treaty.

We are not frequent correspondents, my cousin and I. The next letter came around Christmas time. There was strong sympathy in it for the Finns, and a veiled suggestion that they were a somewhat more spirited people than certain others engaged in the major war. There were a few compliments, however, especially about the battle of the River Plate. Otherwise, I gathered, the war was scarcely up to expectations.

I do not know what sort of Nazi propaganda was rife over there about that time, but my cousin was anxious to know if we were honestly fighting for democracy; could I assure him that no plutocratic strings were being pulled.

In March, when he wrote again, he reported that the Queen Elizabeth had reached New York and the Queen Mary had sailed from that port. So Britannia ruled the waves. But why were we so silent and secretive about everything? The ordinary American could not make head or tail of us. But they believed we were up to some deep laid schemes.

At the end of June came anxious commiserations, mention of food parcels, the offer of a home at the risk of crossing the Atlantic. He added: "If two cannot do it, can one?"

In his anxiety he wrote more frequently. By the end of July he talked of Britain being the American front line. He talked of coming over to don the kilt (he is of Scottish descent). Somehow our stock was rising—mainly because what news did come from Britain had proved to be all that could be believed.

August brought "the scores." That month's letter, just received, takes for granted that Britain is winning and, furthermore, that Britain is the spearhead of democracy. And so, on the heels of the anniversary of the war, I read not a lecture about Versailles, but "It must feel swell to be British."

Yes, I agree; it does.

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1,000 LIVES SAVED BY A SHELTER

NEARLY 1,000 PEOPLE in a public shelter in a London district escaped unhurt when a bomb struck a building a glancing blow and landed on the entrance to the shelter, completely blocking it. The only casualties were a boy with a cut foot and two people suffering from shock.

Hero of the bombing was Mr. Thomas Neal, who had appointed himself an unofficial marshal.

A.R.P. officials and occupants of the shelters said that he has had practically no sleep for three weeks.

Mr. Neal said: "I assisted a man, two police-constables and a woman to get out, and then rushed below to see that the people were all right. They had had a tremendous shaking, but they were simply marvellous and there was no panic."

Four wards were damaged by blast in a new block in a London hospital and three patients were slightly injured.

Ten people were killed in one London area.

Two babies, one aged eighteen months and the other three months lost their lives while sheltering under the stairs.

Found Clutching Child

Rescue parties found a woman embracing a child. Both were pinned down at the legs by debris, but the woman kept cheerful, comforted the child and talked to her rescuers all the time they were at work.

Thirty policemen escaped when an H. E. bomb struck a London police station.

Many of the policemen were buried in the debris, but only five were injured.

During the raid a bomb dropped into a crater which had been made by a bomb in a previous raid in a London area.

All the forty personnel on duty at an A.R.P. post in a school at a Thames Estuary town escaped when a high explosive bomb fell on the post.

9 Raiders Down

Heavy gunfire from the outer defences kept many raiders from the inner London zone during the night raid, which ended some hours before dawn.

In the Midlands enemy activity continued much later and the attack was more severe.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed during the night.

Earlier in the day seven others had been destroyed. Three of our fighters were lost but all the pilots are safe.

Anti-aircraft gunners scored a direct hit on a German raider which flew over the outskirts of London.

Large pieces of the machine and a machine-gun were found a mile from Barnet in the middle of the Great North Road.

No trace of the crew has been found.

POLES PREFERRED TO BOMB GERMANY

Three Polish pilots undergoing training "somewhere in England" were instructed to make a trial flight and to bomb a certain point in that area.

They duly took off, but nothing was heard of them for several hours. When they returned they reported that they had flown to Germany and discharged their cargo of bombs there.

The story of this exploit was related by Polish circles in London.

HE RECEIVED V.C. AT KING'S BEDSIDE

Mr. Oliver Brooks, fifty-one, who won the V.C. for a daring bombing exploit against enemy trenches at Loos in 1915, has died at Windsor.

He was then a sergeant in the Coldstream Guards and received his V.C. kneeling at the bedside of King George V, who was travelling across France in a hospital train after a fall from his horse.

RUMANIAN CHILDREN TO LINE UP

The Cross Brotherhood of Rumania—the legionary youth organisation—has been ordered by Horia Sima, the Iron Guard leader and vice-Premier, to organise Rumanian youth between the ages of ten and eighteen, according to the official German news agency—Reuter.

10 HELD UP ROOF BY HAND

Ten men held up with their hands the roof of a collapsing house in a Home Counties town while children were rescued from the debris during the London area's longest night raid.

The roof had to be held up when two bombs demolished several houses.

A mother and child who were sleeping on the first floor were blown from their beds through a window on to the front garden.

Hundreds of London school-children have been evacuated to the area, which had its worst bombing of the war. More than thirty Council houses were made uninhabitable—and several were demolished.

Soldier Killed On Leave

Two heavy bombs were dropped by a raider, who came down very low.

So far three deaths have been reported; two children and a soldier who was home on a night's leave. Several people were injured, some seriously.

A warden who walked in the darkness, into several feet of water in a bomb crater, was rescued with difficulty.

German raiders came over in small groups rather than in "Indian file," and attempted to penetrate the capital's defences from many different points. They were again met by an intense barrage.

In one two-hour period nearly one hundred enemy planes were over Britain at various times.

Liverpool and other Merseyside towns experienced the most widespread attack for some time, but damage and casualties were slight.

A.T.S. Victims

In the London area three A.T.S. girls were killed in a lorry when a bomb fell a few yards away from them.

A baby sleeping in a car in a garage was killed when the garage was demolished. The mother was in a nearby doorway.

But for a previous raid more than 200 people would have been killed at a London school which was bombed.

A fortnight ago fire bombs destroyed part of the roof, and 200 homeless East Enders who were staying there were removed elsewhere.

"It was God's mercy," the caretaker said: "It's a certainty that everybody would have been killed."

Four men—Home Guards and A.R.P. workers—were trapped in a shelter beneath debris when a bomb struck a building. Mechanical excavators were used in the hope of saving the men.

WAR RATIONS FROGS

Because of the scarcity of frogs and toads, medical courses at Universities will have to be reorganised and text books rewritten.

Severe weather last winter killed off thousands of frogs and toads.

Supplies from the Continent are now cut off.

More than 150,000 frogs a year finish their careers on dissection tables.

"Frogs play a very important part in this study," the head of the zoological department of a Manchester school told a reporter. "Dissecting them teaches medical students the structure of muscles, heart and nerves."

Vast numbers of them were imported from France, Belgium and Holland before the war. So were salamanders, which made admirable substitutes. These, too, are now unobtainable.

If you find a frog in your back garden, catch it and sell it to a university or school. You will receive 4d.

13,000 TRAIN IN CANADA FOR BLITZ

ABOVE FORTY centres stretched across Canada thousands of young Empire flyers are rehearsing Hitler's funeral dirge. Every day this dirge, played by engines of giant bombers, becomes louder and increasingly ominous as more and more young men take to the skies.

It will not be so long now before these young men, who are products of the Commonwealth air training scheme, are pouring across the Atlantic to give Hitler and his Huns the blitzkrieg that will end all blitzkriegs.

After painstaking investigation of this training plan and of other war activities in Canada, I can say with certainty that if Hitler knew what's coming to him he would go crazy at the very thought of it, and Goering would shiver himself into a skeleton.

There will eventually be eighty-three schools in the Commonwealth plan. With incredible speed aerodromes for these are already almost completed. The censor will not permit me to describe the full details of the plan of operation which will precede Hitler's funeral, but come with me to a typical training school where I write this.

Their Own Theatre

After being challenged by seniors and having our credentials thoroughly examined, we enter a ramshackle city where hundreds of young Canadians, Britons, Australians, all budding aces, are receiving their training with many officers, instructors and mechanics helping them.

The city has its own magazine, edited by English born Corporal William Shaw. It has its own orchestra, own theatre. Shaw is busy compiling a little dictionary to ease the language difficulties between Australian and Canadian cadets. For example, he translates the Australian expression "cuckoo" as "plain nuts."

One of the first men we meet is James Cole, of Ranton Norfolk, here with twenty other British cadets.

Cole says "Tell them in England our training here is magnificent. Canadians are kindness itself. They've done every thing possible to make us happy. Nothing has been too good for us. But I want to get back to England because I'm anxious to see action."

Thousands Of Pupils

Among other Britons I met was Stephen Appleby, who forsook a successful career on the New York stage to come to Canada and enlist.

Operated by a staff of over 16,500, the Commonwealth plan

is now training over 5,500 pupils as pilots, observers or gunners, while 7,500 are training as mechanics, service and maintenance men.

Within a few weeks the total in training will rise to 15,000.

And, Mister Hitler, this is only a beginning. When this scheme is operating fully it will be producing about 25,000 annually.

WARNED OF RED CAUTION

Warning to the Turkish people not to expect any dramatic move by Moscow was given in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus."

The editor who wrote this scathing article referred to two recent denials from Moscow.

The first contradicted a report that Russia favoured a grouping of Britain, Turkey, the Soviet Union, Greece and Yugoslavia. The second denied the German statement that Russia had been told in advance of the Nazi move into Rumania.

"There is no doubt that these denials, particularly the second, open the way to fanciful forecasts," said "Ulus."

"The Soviet Union, in face of the struggle which threatens to become world-wide, is concerned only with her own interests."

In Ankara this article is regarded as an authoritative declaration that the Turks should not be too confident of Soviet aid should Turkey become involved in war.

BOMB-PROOF PANTS

From a house wrecked in a raid on the outskirts of London a bedstead was flung over another building and across two gardens. It landed on its legs, in a front garden—

With the bedclothes still in place and a pair of neatly-folded trousers still hanging over the back.

MINESWEEPING IS A CHANGE

AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN, CLIMBING OUT OF DEBRIS WHICH HAD SHOWERED OVER HIM IN A FASHIONABLE LONDON SUBURB, WAS APPROACHED BY A WARDEN.

"They began to chat, and the American asked the warden if he ever became tired of his job."

"Sometimes," the warden replied, "but when I'm fed up a bit I get a few days off and go minesweeping."

This story is told by the Americans-in-Britain Outpost, in their current letter to America, as being typical of the "as yet unborn heroes of the battle for London" the men and women of the Air Raid Precautions squads.

SHOT WOMAN: THREE DETAINED

Three men have been detained at Edmonton, London, N., in connection with the death of Miss Gwendoline Cox, aged forty, manageress of the off-licence attached to the Alexandra Park Tavern, High Road, Wood Green.

She was shot during an air raid while in charge of the off-licence.

While detectives were questioning the three men, Sir Bernard Spilsbury was making a post mortem examination of the body at Tottenham, where an inquest is to be held.



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♠ 4 3	♥ A Q 7 2	♦ A J 3	♣ K 9 6 2
♠ K J 9 5	♥ 10 8 6	♦ 7 5 4 2	♣ 10 8 5
♠ 4 3	♥ 10 8 6	♦ 7 5 4 2	♣ 10 8 5
♠ 10 9 8 6	♥ 10 8 6	♦ 7 5 4 2	♣ 10 8 5
♠ Q 7 3	♥ 10 8 6	♦ 7 5 4 2	♣ 10 8 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass

Many players would have bid two hearts, or perhaps two clubs, instead of two no-trump at North's first opportunity; but two no-trump had the virtue of showing a fairly precise amount of strength scattered though at least three suits. South immediately decided to explore slam possibilities since his opening bid would have been sound even without any strength in the red suits. With two Kings and a Queen more than he needed for an opening bid, South was quite justified in hoping for more than game.

South's first step was to show the rather shabby heart suit; and North promptly and properly raised to game, thus showing four-card support. Thus far, South had found out about the heart fit but had not made and slam suggestion. That was done by means of the five-club bid; and North encouraged the slam by the control-showing bid of five diamonds. Now South bid five no-trump to indicate that his suits were not particularly long and that he was perfectly willing to let the hand play at no-trump if North had any doubts about the hearts.

North, of course, had no reason to shy away from the heart suit, so bid the slam in hearts. He had more than a minimum for his bidding up to that point; and his hand contained two Aces — a great help in the play of a slam.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you held:

♠ 6
♥ K J 7 5
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K Q 9 3

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♠	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. This is a pretty weak hand for a Takeout Double, but your distribution is good and you are unlikely to be badly hurt at your partner's best suit. If you pass, the chances are that your partner will be shut out of the bidding, and the opponents will make a cheap game.

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Question No. 610

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you hold:

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ Q 6
♣ J 10 8

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Malor	You
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's about ready to go for a skate he means he's out gunning for someone.

WALL FALLS ON RESCUERS

Ignoring a warning that a wall was likely to collapse, A.R.P. men dug under the wreckage of a bombed London tenement building to rescue a number of people who were trapped.

They had not been at work long before the wall did collapse and they were buried. They were soon dug out by their comrades, but several were seriously injured. Eighteen of the flat dwellers were also extricated, but some were dead.

Fire added to the difficulties of the rescue workers and it is thought that some people are still buried beneath the smouldering wreckage. There were about 150 people in the building, which was wrecked by a direct hit.

One woman, who was in an upper flat, was trapped under the roof when the building collapsed.

Family Trapped

Rescuers made a hole through the debris to her and got her safely out after two or three hours' work. She assisted by giving directions. She sent a message later to say she was O. K.

Rescue squads and members of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps were still at work trying to find a mother and her three children, named Chapman, who are thought to be trapped beneath the debris of another block of tenement flats.

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By ED REED



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Come war, winter and black-out, the people must still be entertained. No, it's not C. B. Cochran speaking. It's Tim West, who at the age of six, is the youngest theatre manager in the country.

Tim is running three performances daily in the toy theatre he has inherited from his grandfather.

He takes one afternoon a week off. Then, crouched in the stalls of a real theatre, he watches his father, Harry Lockwood West, of the local repertory company.

Repeats it at Home

When father gets home, he hears his son's version of the play in which he has been acting. His role this time is to move the tiny figures on the stage as Tim directs.

Tim is more interested in stage management than acting. He has got the theatre electrician to install model lighting in his theatre, and he works the curtains himself.

He writes the programmes, takes the tickets, transforms himself into an orchestra by humming loudly in the intervals, and appears every now and then as the front-of-the-house manager.

When a reporter arrived to attend a performance, the only other members of the audience were Tim's sister Patricia, aged eighteen months, who was clapping loudly in the stalls, and his mother.

The show opened with the startling announcement: "The 2.30 matinee will be at 3."

He Warned Them

Tim added: "I am sorry to tell you that we have lost one of our principal actors owing to national service."

Air raids don't worry Tim. But as the sirens whined the curtains of his theatre dropped and a small tin figure was poked through them.

"You will be glad to know," said the manager's voice, "that there has been a warning. There are shelters at the back of the theatre. Our bedroom's all right and our play will go on."

RAID AID 'ON THE SPOT'

(By A Special Correspondent)
First "on the spot" van—it carries warm clothing, hot food, and four berths for people bombed out of their homes—is now in action.

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When news is received of a family in distress the van, which will be driven and staffed by members of the Women's Voluntary Services, will go immediately to the spot.

So well is it designed that it will cater for all immediate needs, including a wash.

If the bomb victims want advice they can ask one of the helpers.

Then the van will take them to a rest centre, where they can stay until new homes are found.

DIPLOMATS OF THE FUTURE

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour, revealed at the Trades Union Congress meeting in Southport that he was working to secure that after the war entry to the Diplomatic Service would be open to all classes of the community.

"There has been established, I think for the first time, a very close liaison between the Ministry of Labour and the Foreign Office," he said. "Its object is to get the Diplomatic Service in the future to move and have its being in a new environment and to recognise that the limited Court Circular society of the Chancelleries will never return."

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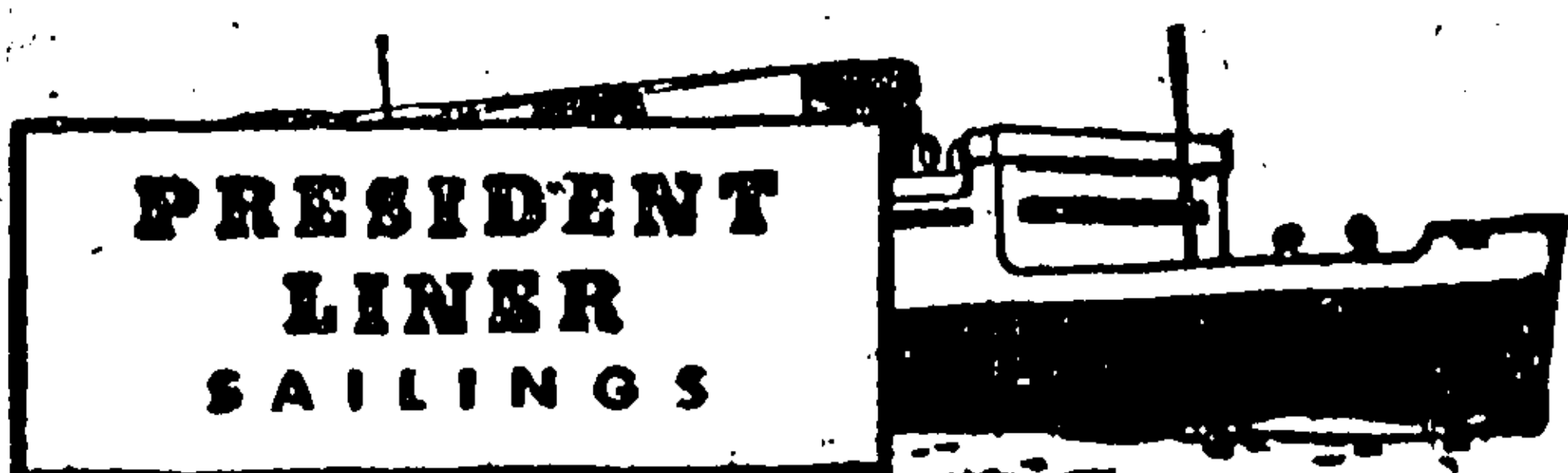
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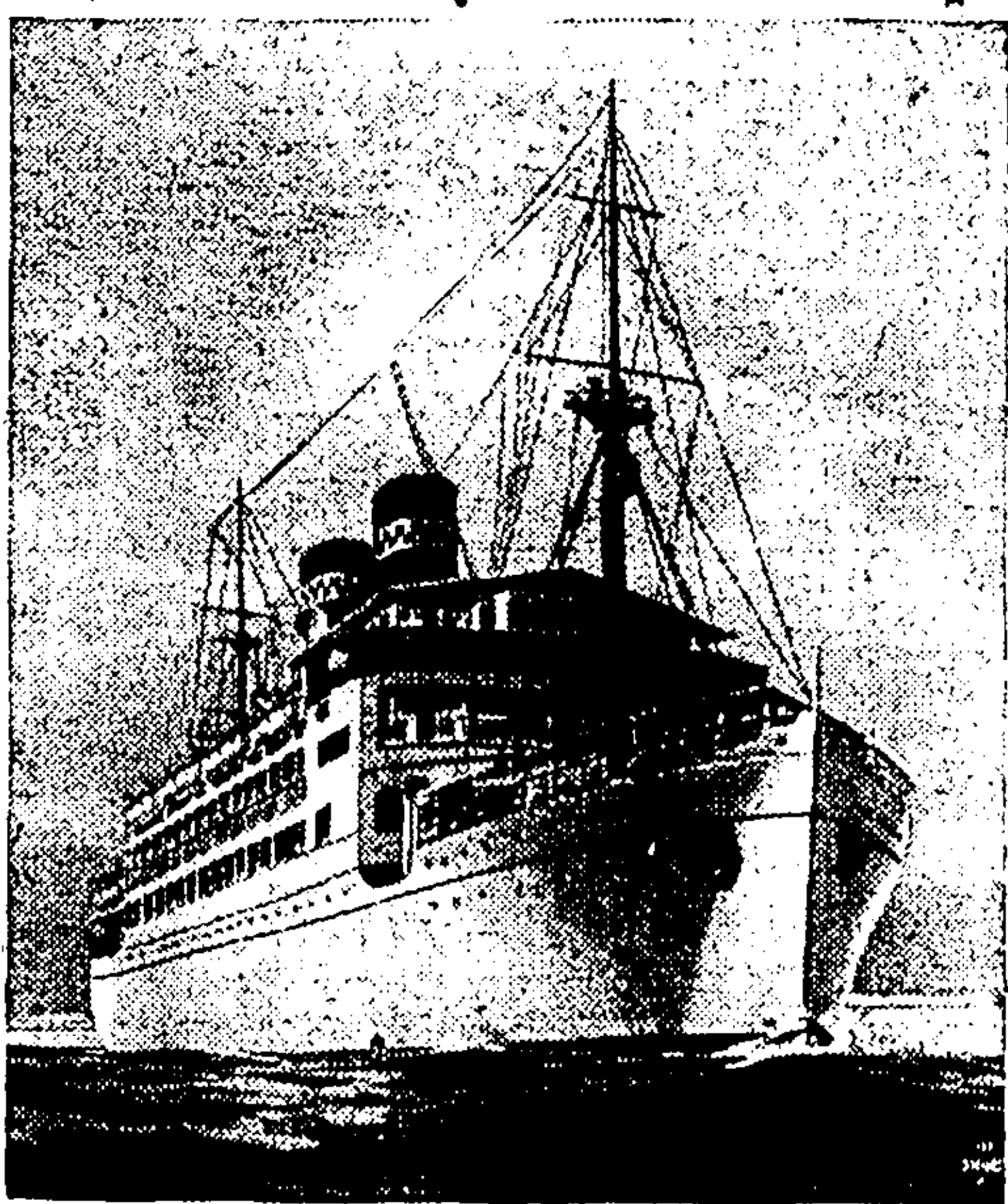
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2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

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Notable Badminton Results In Course Of The Week

University Certainties For Senior League

Grand Win Scored By King's College

By "Adrem"

SEVERAL NOTABLE results have been returned in League Badminton matches during the week, chief being the crushing defeat of Club de Recreio at the hands of the champions, University.

In this particular case it is not so much the fact that Recreio were beaten but rather the margin by which University accomplished the result.

University, in recent years, have consistently had the better of Recreio, although it was not such a long time ago that a meeting between the two teams was always a highlight of any season, a narrow margin invariably separating the two.

Nowadays, however, although the personnel of the two clubs is materially the same, the disparity in standards has become more and more apparent as University have progressively improved and Recreio have just as steadily slipped.

Colony's Best Player

K. W. Choy created a big impression at the Portuguese club on Monday and general opinion now ranks him the best in the Colony—rumour has it that he is capable of owing Hui, former triple champion of the Colony, some five aces in each game.

The fact that he partners C. K. Lee, a good enough player but still probably the least expert of the six players in the side, and has not yet dropped a game, speaks much for his capabilities.

On paper the strongest combination in the team, Hui and Chew had to struggle hard in two of their games and, on the evening's showing, were rather fortunate to emerge with an unbeaten record. When Hui, however, gets back to fighting form, this pair should do better.

One of the most pleasing features from the Recreio point of view was the promising form shown by A. M. Rodrigues, whose medical duties prevented him from playing very often in the League last season or even securing much practice. On the face of the fact that he and Oliveira very nearly beat Chew and Hui, it would appear that Oliveira had played brilliantly. This I learn was far from the case and I am told that Oliveira actually had a sorry evening and was never able to give of his best.

Remedios and young Gonsalves did as well as could be expected and with more practice may yet develop into a useful combination.

Carvalho and Silva gave the impression that they could do with a good deal more practice, while they would also be advised to make some effort to work up an understanding.

Thus early it is apparent that University are certain to win the League and chief interest in the future will be centred on the meetings between Recreio and Chinese Y.M.C.A., on which will depend the runners-up position.

Good Win

Big result in Wednesday's "B" Division matches was the defeat of Chung Wah by King's College. More meritorious is King's victory as one of their players K. H. Lo, was suffering from a leg injury and was practically a passenger, as is illustrated by the fact that he and Lam, who should have been good for one, if not two games, failed in all three, leaving a big burden for the other two pairs to carry. This they did with great credit, Chan and Chung winning all three, and Woo and Liu two.

Chung Wah were disappointing but they should do better as they settle down and players such as Choy, Wong-chiu get in more practice.

Notwithstanding a great effort by Bill Gillies, the former St. Andrew's player, and current Colony junior champion, who, with L. Gordon, won three games for Police, Kowloon Tong, who fielded

a weak side, were able to win by 6-3. The suburban team, although indications at the beginning of the season pointed to them challenging strongly for the title, have been far from impressive to date and have lost one match, to Kowloon Cricket Club. Contrary to early reports, they have not received the support expected and unless they are considerably reinforced are not likely to do very much when they come up against the stronger teams.

Ko Fook-sing has not turned out for them as yet, however, while Peter Fletcher, who is on the convalescent list should soon be fit enough to play, thus strengthening the team a great deal.

Old Firm Again

It was again left to the veteran Fincher-Kew combination to achieve such success as was accomplished by St. Andrew's against their old rivals, St. John's. Fincher and Kew were the only pair to offer any real resistance although Pat White and Tomlinson did very well to carry Snih and Wilson the whole distance.

St. John's did not have the services of Henry Eardley but Kenward proved a worthy substitute. Maynard and Ladd also did well to win two games.

Recreio had little difficulty against Jewish Recreation Club and won for the loss of one game. Jack Odell and Dotkin were the most impressive of the visiting combinations and won the only game secured by the visitors.

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QUARTERLY RATINGS OF THE NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION RELEASED RECENTLY PLACED JOE LOUIS AS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE NOTATION "NONE AVAILABLE" IN THE COLUMN IN WHICH LOGICAL CONTENDERS FOR THE TITLE NORMALLY ARE LISTED.

The N.B.A. placed Max Baer, former world champion, and Arturo Godoy, Chilean champion, together with Red Burman as "outstanding" heavyweight boxers. The list said Abe Simmons of New York was regarded as a likely opponent of Joe Louis next March and rated him with "honourable mention" together with seven others.

Billy Conn, who announced that he planned to relinquish his light-heavyweight title before meeting the "Brown Bomber" in June was still listed as light-heavyweight champion.

BOXERS BOMBED

Johnny Peters, one of the most modest and unassuming little fellows who ever came near championship class, was badly hurt when a bomb exploded near a lorry on which the A.R.P. unit to which he is attached was on its way to assist in a bombed area.

Ex-light-weight champion Corporal Dave Crowley was bombed out of his home recently. Dave spent the night assisting in carrying out the serious casualties and giving aid to the injured.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Royal Scots defeated Middlesex Regiment in the final game of their respective Small Units League by 9 points to 3.

Both sides played well, and the Middlesex were unlucky to lose, for they played a really fine game throughout.

The Royal Scots started off at a flying pace and kept up their pressure on the Middlesex's half, but they were unable to pierce the strong defence put up by Drum-Major Holdford and Pte. Thompson, who combined well together and were there when most urgently needed.

After 20 minutes' play the Scots scored a try through Marshall, but they failed to convert.

This lead was not held for long for Thompson scored the equaliser for the Middlesex, who also failed to convert.

Neither side scored again this half.

In the second half the Royal Scots pressed hard and play was mostly kept in the Middlesex's half, and the Scots went further ahead when Bateman scored a try, but again failed to convert, making the score six points to three.

Towards the end of the game Nealon added another three points to the Scots' score and the final whistle blew with the Royal Scots qualifying to play the Royal Engineers in the Final to be played at Sookunpoo on January 21.

The outstanding player was Marshall of the Royal Scots and it was mainly due to his efforts that the Middlesex attacks were ineffective. Bateman, Stephenson, and Nealon also played well.

For the Middlesex, L/Cpl. Radley, Pte. Thompson, Drum-Major Holdford, Capt. Man, and L/C. Wilson played strenuously throughout. The services of Lieut. Weedon were badly missed.

Both the Engineers and Royal Scots maintained 100 per cent. record.

Here are the final placings in the Small Units Leagues.

	P	L	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	4	4	0	0	8	
Middlesex Regt.	4	2	1	1	5	
8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	4	2	1	1	5	
Signals	4	0	1	3	1	
R.A.S.C.	4	0	1	3	4	

	P	L	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R. Engineers	3	3	0	0	6	
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.	3	2	0	1	4	
R.A.M.C.	3	1	0	2	2	
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	3	0	0	2	0	

RIFLE SHOOTING

LAST Sunday Royal Scots held a rifle shoot which was very successful.

The Middlesex did well in the team shoot by beating 12 other entries with a grand score of 329. Their team consisted of Bandmaster Kifford (83), C/Sgt. Hale (89), Sgt. Baker (81), and Bds. Bolam (76).

C/Sgt. Hale's 89 is one of the highest scores ever recorded with an open sight rifle at the Kowloon Rifle Ranges.

BILLIARDS

THE Finals of the Garrison Billiards and Snooker Tournaments will be held at the Soldiers' Club on the following dates:—

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.
Garrison Challenge Cup—R.A.M.C. v Corps of Military Police.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.
Soldiers' Club Tournament—H.K. V.D. Corps v Royal Corps Signals.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.
Individual Snooker Championship—Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C. v Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.
Individual Billiards Championship—S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C. v Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

EXHIBITION MATCH
Garrison Billiards League Champions will play H.K.V.D. Corps in a six-a-side competition to be played at the Soldiers' Club on Friday, January 17, 1941 commencing at 8 p.m.

At the conclusion of this match the presentation of trophies to competition winners during the season 1940-41 will take place.

The following is the result of the semi-final match in the Soldiers' Club Tournament played between the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Royal Corps of Signals, which resulted in a win for the Signals.

	P	L	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.P.C.	194					
Sgt. Carden	112					
Sgt. Chalcraft	112					
Sgt. Murray	200					
Cpl. Smart	116					
S.S.M. Spiera	200					
Sgt. Adam	180					
Sgt. James	200					
Sgt. Norrell	123					

* Breaks of twenty or over.

HOCKEY

AT Shamshuipo on Monday the 24th Hvy. Bty., R.A. defeated "B" Company of the Middlesex Regt. after extra time by 1-0 in the Small Units Hockey knockout competition.

Royal Air Force beat the R.A.M.C., also by 1-0 at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, and the 17th A.A. Bty., R.A. lost to the Royal Engineers by 2-5.

In the Large Units competition the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. beat the Royal Engineers by two goals to nil.

NAVY WITHOUT BEATTIE

Following will represent Royal Navy against Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to-morrow on the Police ground. Boundary Street, at 4 p.m., and also against Police in the Quadrangular Tournament match on Wednesday, January 15:

Lt. Morahan; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul and A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Lt. Carter (Capt.) and Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson, Sergeant Manfield; C.P.O. Wtr. King, L.A.C. Stockham; A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Eager and S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves—S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, L.S.A. Palmer, S/Lt. Carey and P.O. Wilson.

Changes in the unbeaten Navy side are Carter for O'Riordan at fly-half and Eager for Beattie in the back row of the pack.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday C. M. Sequeira beat L. Karpovich and D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Y. Biriukoff.

There are only five entries for the Colony Chess Championship to date.



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Collins Replies To Aromin's Challenge

Willing And Eager For Bout Only A Question Of Satisfactory Terms

By "Adrem"

ARISING OUT OF A CHALLENGE FROM "YOUNG" AROMIN WHICH APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS LAST WEEK, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM LEN COLLINS YESTERDAY.

ENGLAND CAPTAIN KILLED

A famous England amateur captain, W. T. Whewell, was killed with his wife when their home received a direct hit in a recent air raid, writes a London correspondent.

If not the last of the Countess, Tommy Whewell was a very distinguished link-up with the grand old club which can never be replaced and whose passing, though inevitable, was such an irreparable blow to the game.

I would place Whewell among the best amateur centre-halves close up to Max Woosnam and Bernard Joy.

His football was as forceful as Joy's. It was also intelligent and so constructive.

Pro. Clubs Wanted Him

Had the great professional clubs interested Tommy Whewell, he could have held his place in the best of them. There were many attempts to lure him permanently into the League game.

His wife was the sister of Jackie Burns, the famous Brentford half-back.

Both Burns and Whewell were schoolmasters. They made their debuts together against Wales in 1930, and after a run of nine games it was Burns who succeeded

Collins told me that he had been in the New Territories and had only heard of the challenge on his return to town. On being told that Aromin was anxious to meet him Collins said that he was only too willing to accommodate and would fight at any time and any place, providing suitable terms could be arranged.

"While I should be glad to meet Aromin, Collins told me, 'I do not feel justified in risking my reputation for the paltry figure offered me by his manager, Mr. M. Stanley, when he approached me a few weeks ago. I was in Manila recently, when I had a further three fights, all of which I won, and in Manila they paid me extremely well. If a reasonable arrangement can be arrived at I should be willing to meet Aromin as soon as he likes as I am in full training at the moment and have never been fitter in my life.'"

There has been so much talk of a fight between Aromin and Collins ever since they "sparred" at the Victoria Recreation Club gymnasium, that I am sure, if suitable supporting bouts could be arranged, a big gate would be attracted.

It might, therefore, be worth Mr. Stanley's while to offer Collins a percentage of the gate, if he does not feel inclined to risk guaranteeing a large fixed sum, as Collins told me that he would be willing to fight on that basis.

ed his brother-in-law as England's skipper.

I should say Whewell was easily the best product of Public School football since the last war. I knew a player had arrived when I first saw him in the Varsity match of 1925—and his spectacular 40 yards range goal, so often quoted, was not the reason.

EFFECT OF BOMBS ON HOME SPORT

Frankenstein's night vandals have just missed a grandstand from which thousands cheered the most famous racehorses in the world.

It was the fourth visitation and the sum total of damage, apart from a Tote building, is not, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Actually the sport which carries most of its trademarks up to now is golf. Racing comes next, followed by racing third, and football fourth.

In racing circles they are not so much concerned with bombs as the immediate future of the sport.

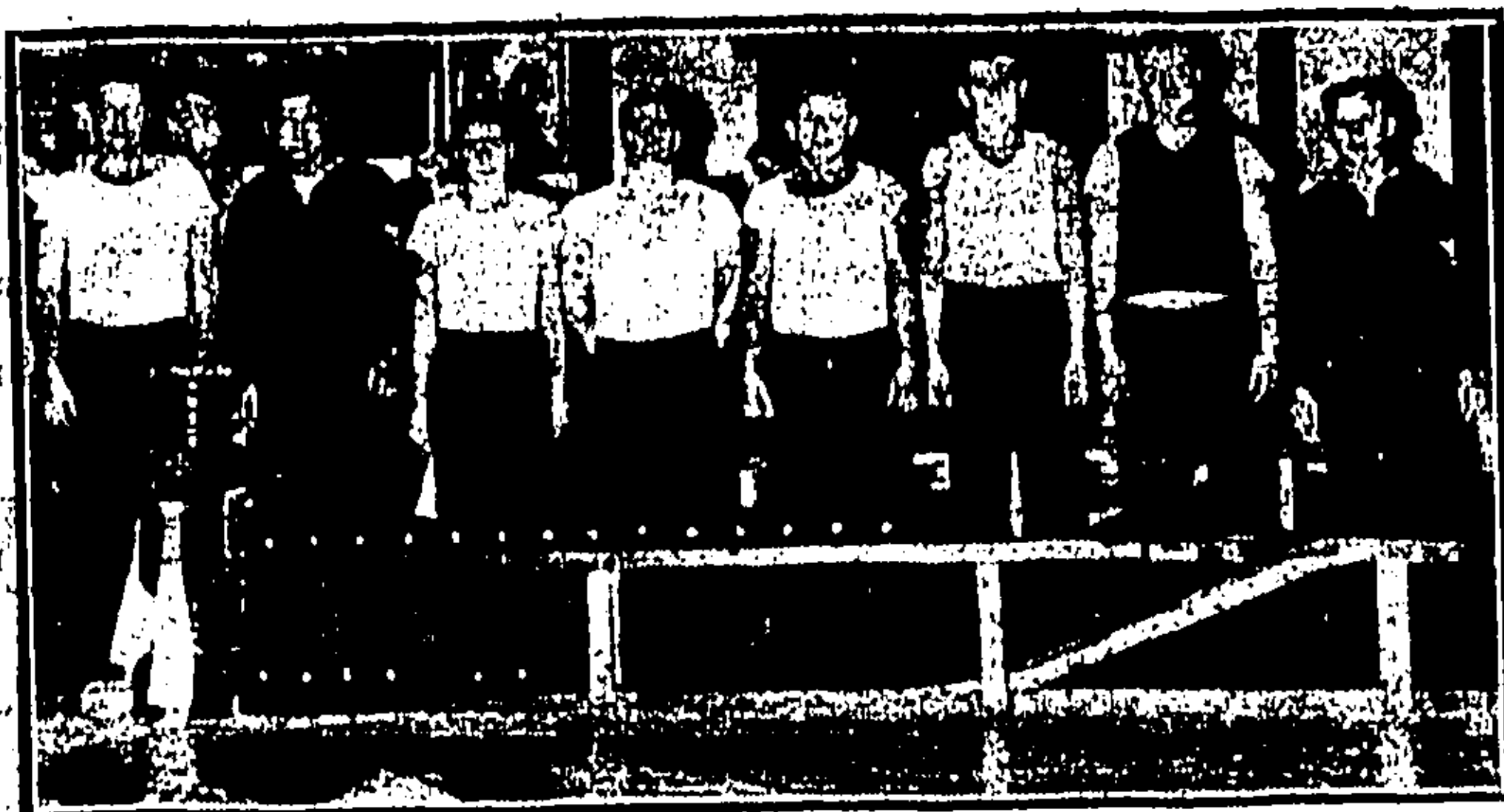
For a while it looks as if fixtures may be kept to the North and Midlands. That is why I suggest that in arranging their big events in the South and at Newmarket the Jockey Club should at the same time fix alternative tracks and to avoid such disappointments as have set back trainers recently.

Stables May Move North

"If racing is to be confined to the Midlands and North I can see some stables migrating up there from the South," says William Payne, who has some of the country's best jumpers at Burgh Heath.

The reason is one of expense. It cost less than £1 to take a horse to a London district racecourse from one of the local training centres, but Teddy Marlin, the former trainer, once told me if he wanted to run a horse at Newmarket from his West-country stable he had to find about £25 in travel and hotel expenses.

A century and more ago the North was the senior partner, but it lost its training lead to Newmarket and the Salisbury Plain area, not to mention Epsom. It looks possible war circumstances may readjust the balance.



The winners of the U.S.S. Tulsa Inter-Divisional Duck Pin Tournament. The final was played on December 28. From left to right front row: — Niehoff, Borg, Engle, Koch, Barney, McClanahan, Drewes and Vasko.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

Owing to the fact that the Tulsa Inter-Divisional Duck Pin matches occupied about 12 days to complete, there was not much opportunity of running off many Ten Pin Matches. However there were two good five-game Ten Pin matches played between the Tulsa Ten Pin Team and the Alley team. The first was played on December 27, and the second, a return match, on December 30.

The first match resulted in a win for the Alley Team by 186 pins, the scores being as follows:—
Alley Team 3017
Tulsa Team 2831

The scoring all round could not by the greatest stretch of imagination, be called brilliant, the highest score of the match being bagged by Watts for Alley Team with a mediocre 780. Watts was the only player to registered a 200 score, exactly 200 in his first game.

Second to score was made by A. Odell, for the Alley Team, a good 765.

Moore was top scorer for Tulsa with 759, but was not by any means at his best. The rest of the players averaged from 129 to 144, in fact the average per player per game for the Alley Team was only 150.8 pins per game, while the Tulsa was only 141 pins per game.

Return Match

The return match was played on December 30 and resulted in a remarkably close finish, actually one of the closest finishes ever seen in the Alleys, 6 pins only.

Tulsa Team 3030
Alley Team 3024

On this occasion the Tulsa were much better than in their last match, while the Alley Team were about the same. Hall for the Alley Team, was top scorer with a useful 805 and also netted the only score of 200, a good 205 in his fifth game.

Peterson, for Tulsa, with 799 and J. H. Watts for Alley Team with 798 almost tied for second highest score. Moore, for Tulsa was third top scorer with 774, while the rest of the players averaged from 133 to 152.

Singles Handicap

First match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition took place on Saturday. It was between Signalmen Devlin of Royal Corps of Signals, and Devonshire of Middlesex Regiment. Devlin's handicap was plus 43 and Devonshire was plus 33. Devlin won very comfortably by 86 pins, the scores being as follows:—
Devlin 480
Devonshire 394

I was rather surprised at Devonshire's poor effort as he was one of the best Ten Pin bowlers in the Alleys formerly, but owing to War duties etc. he has not been able to put in the necessary practice.

Good Start To 1941

The month of January 1941 has started off well, with Neate of Signals putting up a brilliant 180 at Duck Pins on January 1. To do this he had to make seven spares and a strike; this is good Duck Pin bowling.

Corb. Blount did not wait until the 1941 year was far advanced to bag a brilliant 246, which he did on January 2. His score sheet

shows that he started off with six strikes in a row, three spares, a strike on his 10th frame and a spare with the two extra balls. If he had made another strike on any of the spare frames, his score would have topped the 260 mark.

League Of Nations

There was rather a peculiar phenomenon in the Alleys the other evening. There were playing British American and Portuguese naval men, and on two other Alleys there were some of the Free French Volunteers, who are staying in the Colony waiting for a ship to take them to Europe and the Near East to join Gen. de Gaulle's forces. There were also two Dutch and two Norwegian Merchant Service officers.

It was truly a unique sight, and I must give full credit to the British and American sailors, and also to members of the local military Garrisons, who were present, for the patient manner in which they all joined in to teach the French Volunteers and Portuguese sailors (who had never played the game before) the mysteries of the game.

The language difficulty was surmounted by sundry gesticulations, which seemed to be perfectly understood by all. At the close of their games the visitors expressed their deep appreciation of the efforts made by all in the Alleys to make them feel thoroughly at home.

Second Match

The second match in the Singles Handicap Competition was played off on January 6, between L/Cpl. J. Gracie of Royal Scots and Signalmen S. H. Neate of Royal Corps of Signals. Gracie's handicap was plus 36 and Neate's plus 40. The result was a very close win for Gracie by 29 pins, including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—
J. Gracie (plus 36) 438
S. H. Neate (plus 40) 409

The third match of the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition was played on Tuesday, between Doc Molthen, whose handicap was plus 17, and Private McCullum of the Royal Scots, whose handicap was plus 43. McCullum won by 35 pins, the scores being as follows:—
Pvt. McCullum (plus 43) 568
Doc Molthen (plus 17) 533

Although Molthen is one of the finest and most experienced bowlers in the Alleys, it was the general opinion of all bowling fans that he would have his work cut out to defeat McCullum, who is practically a new bowler in the Alleys, never having played in a match game before, but who has lately been playing good Ten Pins in ordinary games, scoring several 200s.

Vaughan Wins

The fourth match in the competition was between Gaddi and C. E. Vaughan of U.S.S. Mindanao and was played on Wednesday. Vaughan's handicap was plus 40 and Gaddi's plus 23.

Vaughan won very comfortably by 93 pins, the scores being as follows:—
C. E. Vaughan (plus 40) 537
L. Gaddi (plus 23) 444

Gaddi was favoured to win but actually Vaughan won, without his handicap, by 42 pins, which was rather surprising because Vaughan plays more Duck Pins than Ten Pins, as a rule.

Gaddi was clearly off form, an average of 138, not being anything like what he can do.

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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFeree"

The two greatest upsets in last week's soccer programme was the defeat of South China by Ordnance in Second Division on Saturday and the defeat of Sing Tao by Royal Navy at Causeway Bay on Sunday.

South China's defeat may be costly to them in the quest for the Second Division Championship and it looks as if Engineers, who are still unbeaten, are certain of the title.

Determination and hard tackling contributed to a great extent to Navy beating Sing Tao in First Division.

O'Regan and Bourley gave very good display at full back while Hazard, in the pivotal position, and Le Page, at inside right, were on top form.

An interesting review of the growth of South China Athletic Association and its part in sports among Chinese was given by Mr. W. H. Chen on Tuesday. The present membership of the Association is nearly 10,000 and this is remarkable for the Association started in 1916 with only 50 members.

The disinterestedness shown by junior teams in not providing linesmen was the subject of much comment at the Referees' meeting last Tuesday.

It was pointed out that the referee's job without a linesman is difficult and it was decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the Football Association.

It was also pointed out that the referee only needed linesmen to assist him for the throw-ins and when the ball went over the goal lines.

The Association has promised to ensure that Clubs comply with this ruling.

Eastern and South China are donating the proceeds of their League game on January 19 to Charity. This should be the best attended game of the season, irrespective of the result of the South China-Sing Tao match on Sunday.

Football Association are not charging increased prices for the Lai Wai Cup game on Chinese New Year's day between Chinese and Army, but have decided that the covered stand seats should be open for booking.

STONER AND MACAULEY BAT WELL

Thanks to a fine innings by L/Cpl. Stonor, Royal Army Ordnance Corps yesterday beat Diocesan Boys' School by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo.

School batted first and lost three wickets for only 13 runs but Macauley, who was batting steadily, was then joined by Youngsaye and the partnership added 59 runs. A complete collapse then followed and the whole side was dismissed for 104. Macauley hit eight fours in his 38.

Boocock took 4 for 30, and Tropp had conceded 17 runs without taking a wicket when he struck a patch and took 4 for 10 to finish with 4 for 27.

R.A.O.C. would have fared badly had it not been for Stonor. Apart from 10 by Tropp, he was the only double-figure scorer, hitting nine fours in his 58 not out.

D. B. S.	
J. Macauley, c and b Boocock	38
G. A. Goodban, c Barnes, b Boocock	2
A. J. Hulse, c and b Haskins	13
L. Chlufen, c Barnes, b Boocock	0
J. L. Youngsaye, b Tropp	13
L. Jernakoff, b Tropp	0
L. Lyson, b Tropp	4
A. Ebrahim, b Boocock	13
W. Macauley, run out	5
E. Rendall, c Barnes, b Tropp	0
E. Rend, not out	10
Extras (B3, LB1, W2)	6

Total 104

Ordnance Surprised By Gunners In Shield Tie

A Very Scrappy And Dull Match

By "Sportshawk"

ORDNANCE, WHO caused an upset last weekend when they defeated South China in Second Division, failed to survive the Preliminary Round of the Junior Shield competition when yesterday they were beaten by 30th Heavy Battery, R.A., by the odd goal in three, after being two goals down at the interval.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haskins	6	0	35	1
Boocock	11.5	1	36	4
Tropp	5	0	27	4

R.A.O.C.

Stonor, not out	58
Tropp, run out	10
Pinder, run out	1
Robert, c Lyson, b Macauley	4
Barnes, b Macauley	9
Boocock, run out	1
MacPherson, b Hulse	5
Standing, not out	0
Extras (B14, LB1, W2)	17

Total (for 7 wks.) 110
Stow, Haskins and Mendell did not bat

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	12	3	24	1
Ebrahim	5	0	25	0
J. Macauley	7.5	0	39	2
Goodban	2	0	5	1

On paper Ordnance should have won the match, yet they were disappointed and failed to even force a draw against a weak 30th R.A. team.

The greater part of the match was scrappy and produced little of interest.

Woolbridge played an unexpectedly good game between the sticks for the winners, saving numerous apparently certain goals, while Tuckley was the better of the two backs.

Guy Off Form

Guy was not up to his usual form and appeared to take matters too easily, thus enabling the losing forwards to penetrate several times. Skipwith, the left-half, held his own well.

Round, the winners' centre-forward, and Tate combined well in attack and they were assisted con-



siderably by Chapple, who sent over several good centres from the right-wing.

For the losers, Adams distinguished himself in front of Reynolds, who, though twice beaten, could not be blamed for the two goals registered against him, while Stephens spoiled well in the pivotal position.

Their attack was best served by Hewitson, who, however, lacked support from other forwards and consequently was unable to do much.

The Scoring

Round scored the opening goal for the winners about five minutes from the start and Tate added another about three minutes from the end of the first half.

No score was registered by either side until the last 10 minutes, when the losers were awarded a penalty kick with which Emberson made no mistake.

30th Heavy Battery: -- R.A., Woolbridge, Hole and Tuckley; Skipwith, Guy and Park; Chapple, Guille, Round, Tate and Flanders. Ordnance: -- Reynolds; Adams

RUGBY BLUE ORDAINED

W. O. Chadwick, the Cambridge hooker and English trial player, one of the best forwards of recent years, and a player remarkably unlucky not to get his international cap, has been ordained and appointed deacon at St. John's Church, Huddersfield.

Chadwick captained Tonbridge School in 1934-35, and toured the Argentine with the British team in 1936.--Reuter.

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

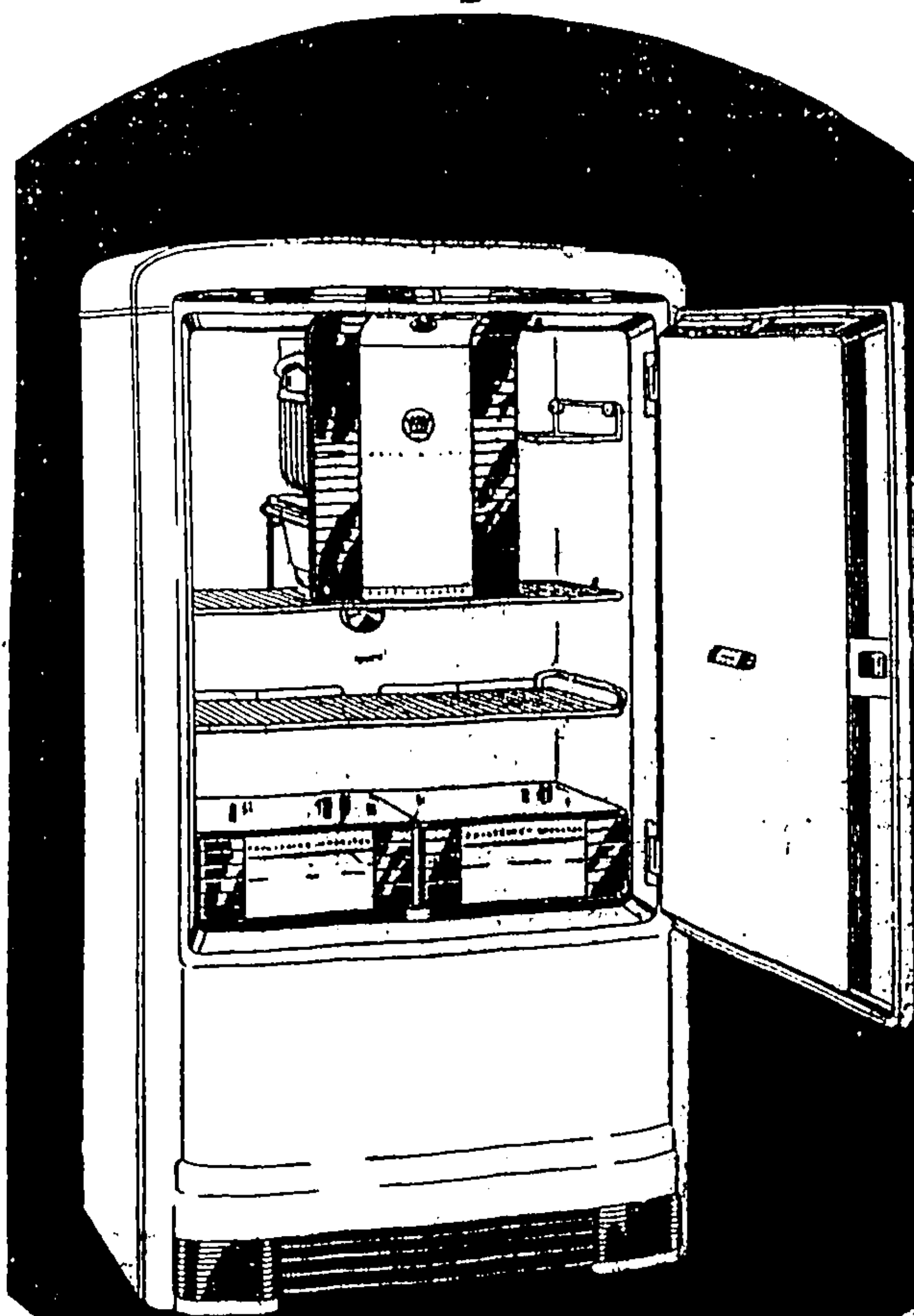
The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against Royal Scots at Chater Road to-morrow at 2 p.m.

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, Pay-Lt. J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Finnie, J. L. Hsley, R. M. M. King, E. W. Pudney, J. E. Richardson, D. S. Robb.

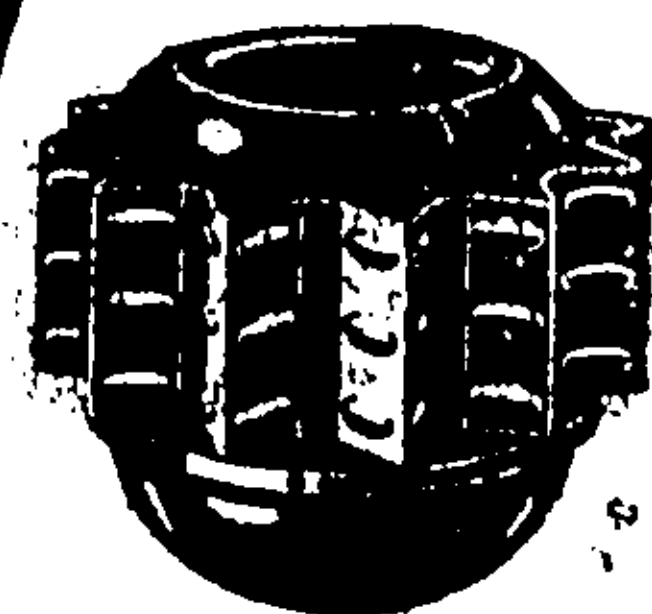
The War Department Chinese Staff Recreation Club will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Club House, No. 37, Hennessy Road, 3rd floor, to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., to receive the annual report and the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1941, to elect the Committee for the year 1941, and to transact any other business.

and Russell; Nicoll, Stephens and James; Harland, Emberson, Hewitson, Harding and Duffield.

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FURTHER U. S. DEFENCE RE-ORGANISATION PLANS

DUBLIN BOMBS PROVED OF NAZI ORIGIN

Bombs dropped at Rathdown Park, Dublin, on the night of January 1, and on Donore Terrace, Dublin, on the night of January 2-3 have now been identified as of German origin, says a statement issued last night on behalf of the Eirean Department of Defence in Dublin. Reuter.

MOSCOW'S ESTIMATE

STAFF WORK AND GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES WERE THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE RAPID CAPTURE OF BARDIA, STATED THE NEWS-PAPER "RED FLEET" IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

British successes along the Libyan coast, according to the newspaper, may possibly force the Italian High Command to withdraw the Italian Fifth Army, now at Giarabub Oasis (some 175 miles south) to cover such vital bases as Derna and Ben Ghazi. Reuter.

Caribbean Army Command Unified

FURTHER DEFENCE MEASURES WERE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING THE REVELATION ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FORMING THREE SEPARATE FLEETS WITH ALL WARSHIPS FULLY MANNED TO WAR STRENGTH.

Yesterday Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, stated that the United States Army Commands at the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean Sea are to be consolidated in order to strengthen the defences of the Western Hemisphere.

The existing Panama Canal and Puerto Rican departments and the new Trinidad base will be unified under the command of Lt.-Gen. Van Voorhis, Chief of the Canal Zone.

Mr. Stimson said that a unified command for the entire Caribbean area would increase efficiency, adding that centralised control of air defences was particularly desirable.

Official Silence

He declined to state when the new Caribbean Command would begin operations, what reinforcements would be sent to that area or the strength of units assigned to the new base in Newfoundland.

"What's the use of telling Hitler how many troops we are sending to the Caribbean?" Mr. Stimson asked.

He added "Hitler may have means of finding out but I am not going to help him." Reuter.

DEFENCE OF THE N.E.I.

The great changes which have come over the Netherlands East Indies since the outbreak of war and the loyal cooperation of the native population in defence measures were emphasised yesterday by Slotemaker de Bruine, who is on an official visit to Britain for the Dutch Colonial Ministry.

He stated that there is a growing demand by natives for a further measure of conscription to include natives (all Dutchmen in the East Indies between the ages of 18 and 46 are already conscripted).

Officers training schools are now open to natives who also are being trained as air pilots, gunners and observers, and many natives are proving as good as Dutch pilots.

Natives and Chinese are also participating actively in the local Defence Corps on the model of the British Home Guard.

Naval Strength

Economically, the East Indies are now part of the sterling block and the Dutch guilder is no longer accepted.

The Slotemaker pointed out that there is no need for any rationing in the East Indies and the 70 million population is almost self-sufficient.

Most of the Dutch Navy has always been based in the East Indies and is still there. All repairs can be done there and a few ships are being built. Reuter.

BIG SHARE DEAL PLAN

The joint purchase of \$600,000,000 worth of British-owned American securities is the subject of a tentative plan submitted by a group of leading investment trusts to the Treasury and to the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington yesterday.

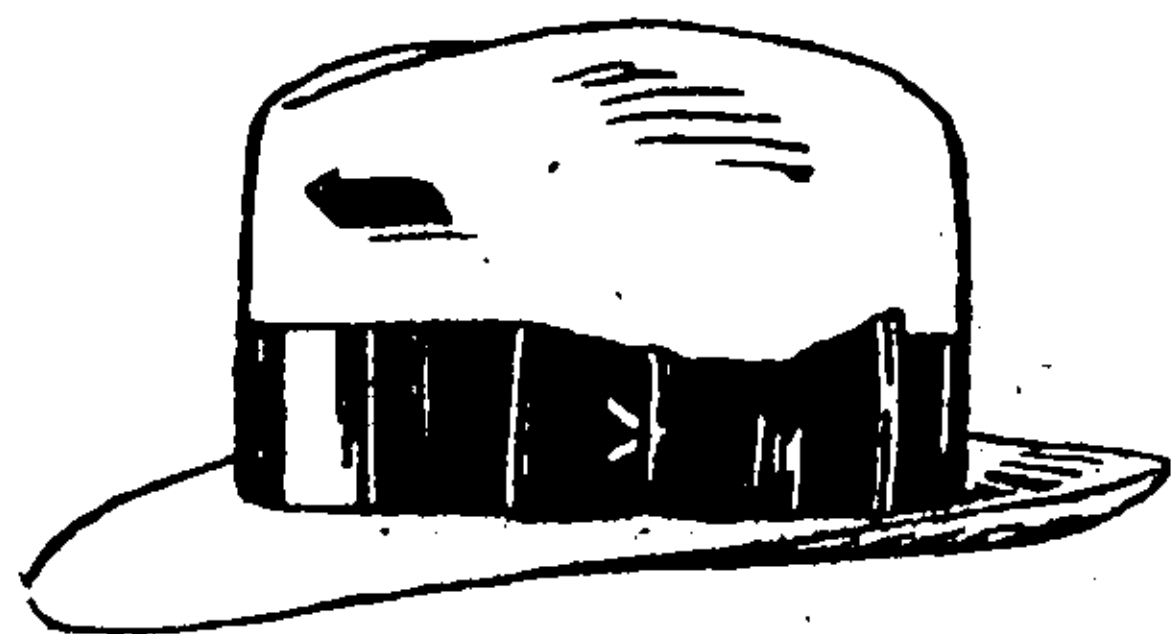
This scheme, if carried out, would be the largest single non-Government securities transaction in the history of the United States. Reuter.

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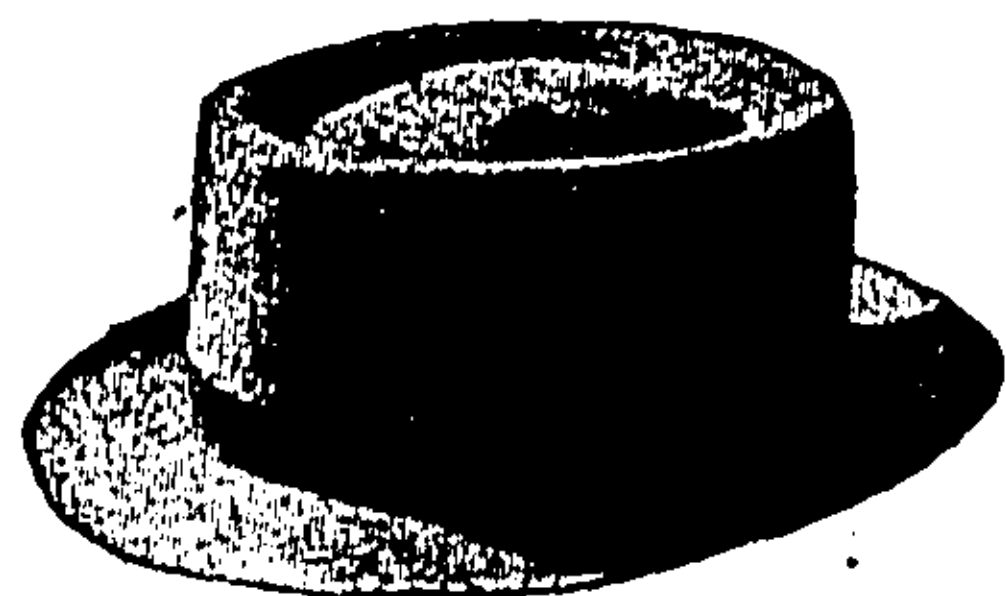


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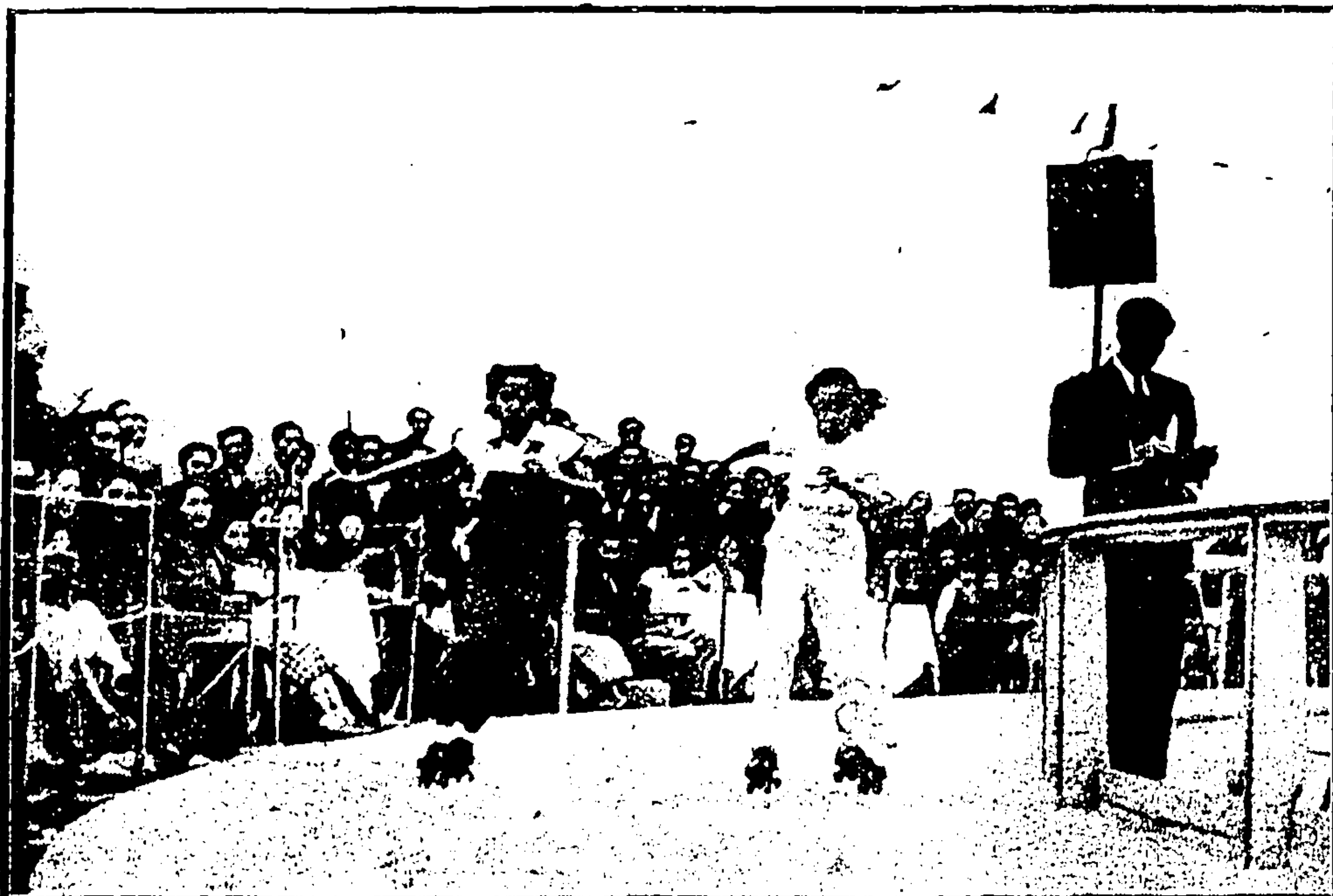
Skating At The Ritz



Miss Chan Shek-man, Miss Lam Wei and Miss Shiu Wan-lan competing in the 400 Metres Race at the First Annual Skating Competition at the Ritz on Sunday.



One of the novelty events at the First Annual Skating Competition at the Ritz last Sunday was the Potato Race. One of the competitors is shown here about to pick up the potatoes.

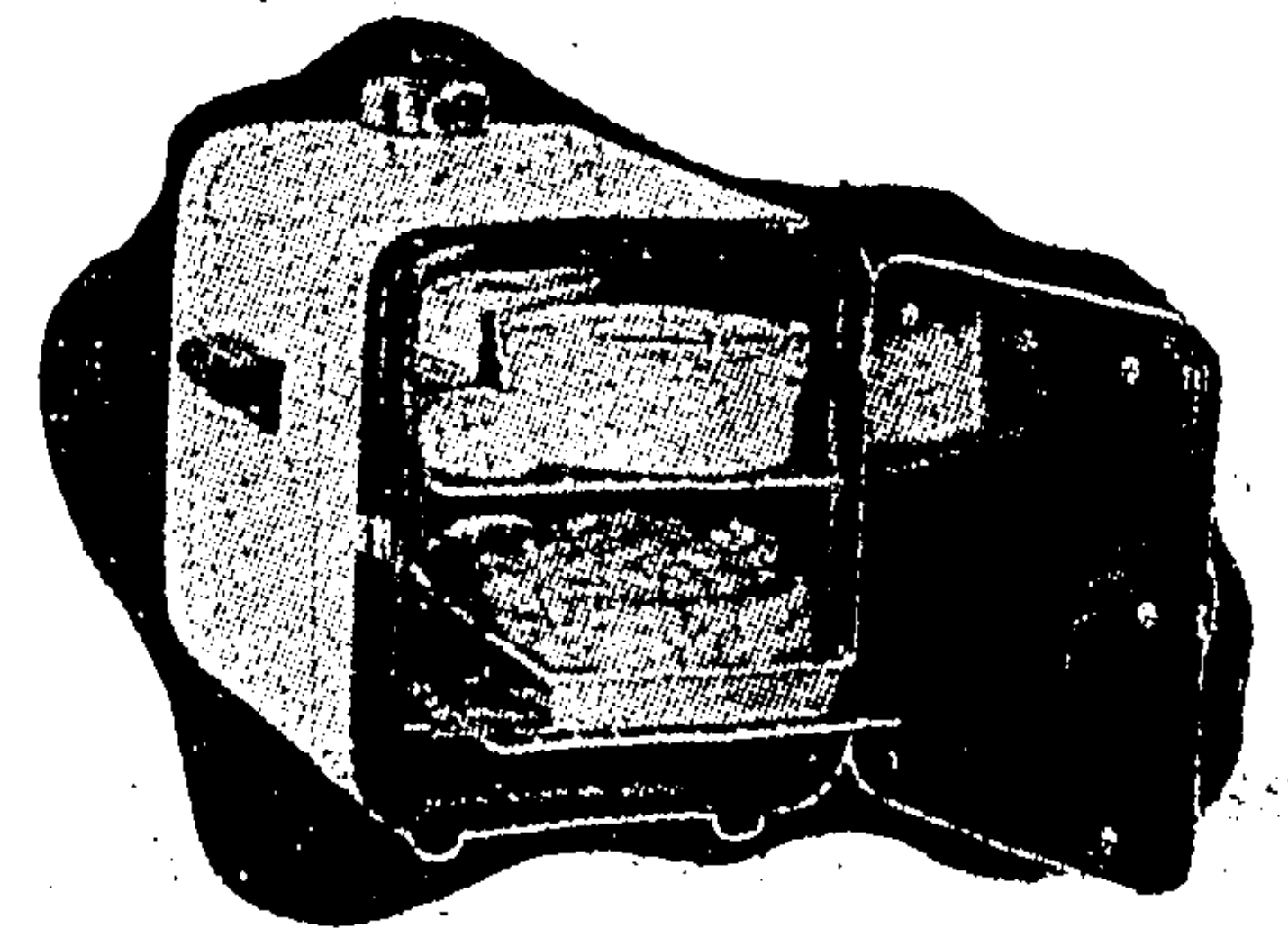


Miss Ng Shiu-ying (right) and Miss Lam Mei (left) two of the keenest participants in the 800 metres Race in the First Annual Skating Competition last Sunday at the Ritz, North Point.



The Police played against the Destroyers on the Navy Ground in King's Park last Sunday.

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SHORT STORY

Round The Next Corner

By NORMALL GORDON

It was not until some time after he received David's letter that Brian Royle was conscious of a feeling that amounted to something more than disappointment. Of course, when reading it at breakfast, he had known he was sorry, but it was one of those things that just couldn't be helped. Besides, the upset for David and Aline would be much worse than for him.

Aline, David wrote, had heard from her sister, saying that their father was not very well, and she thought they should go there for Christmas. "I don't think," added David in his letter, "that it's anything very serious, but my dad-in-law's getting on in years, and we feel we ought to go. This means, we shall have to shut up our little place, and I'm terribly sorry we can't have you with us over the festive season. Such short notice won't, I know, give you much chance of making fresh arrangements, but I'm sure you'll understand. Aline shares my regrets. Next year, I hope, we shall resume the 'happy reunion.' We've spent three jolly Christmases together haven't we?"

Yes, David was right. They had been jolly Christmases. That is, as David and Aline and Royle understood "jollity." Not hitting the high spots, playing hilarious games or drinking innumerable cocktails. Possibly, Brian supposed, judged by modern standards, they'd be considered unaccountably prim and staid, for people still in their twenties. Some might even describe them as "freaks." Well, what if they did?

David played the piano rather more than competently, and Aline had a mezzo-soprano voice of lyrical quality. Then David's brother, Kenneth, his wife, Doris, and her sister, Betty, had joined them on Christmas Day, and when David wasn't at the piano and Aline singing, or they weren't playing bridge for a modest penny a hundred, Kenneth demonstrated his talents as a humorist. Yes, very decidedly they'd been jolly Christmases.

It was true, too, Brian reflected on the way to his office, that he hadn't much chance of fixing up anything else. Doubtless, with Christmas still a couple of days away, he could get in somewhere—join a hotel party, which seemed to be so much the fashion nowadays. But that method of "spending Christmas" didn't appeal to him. It was not that he was wilfully unsociable, or deliberately shunned company, but he was naturally of a shy and retiring disposition, and books, and a weekly visit to a cinema, usually provided him with all the companionship and diversion he required. In the summer he played tennis, and went for frequent evening runs in his small car, but, with the exception of David and Aline, he had never cultivated any real friends. Perhaps that was foolish, because if anything happened like David's letter it did leave a fellow rather at a loose end.

Once a colleague at the office—a genial chap named Gower—had laughingly described him as "a bit of an old fossil for 28." Gower had added: "There's no denying you're a pukka accountant, but one day, my boy, you'll wake up to the fact that figures, and figuring 'em out, aren't everything. There are other kinds of figures in the world"—Gower grinned at his own joke—"and mostly they're dressed in pretty frocks."

Recollection of Gower's leg-pulling came to Royle now. Much of his self-sufficiency, he supposed—the little desire he felt for mixing with others—was due to his having been the only child of a widowed mother left in straitened circumstances, and very largely he had had to make his own way in the world. Before he passed out of the grammar school, to which a scholarship had admitted him, his mother had died, too. So, attaining the position of a qualified accountant had meant relatively hard going all the way. Anyhow, there hadn't been much time for day dreaming about the possible or positive charm of the opposite sex.

If one excepted an adolescent episode—he remembered he was about 17 at the time—Royle had never thought seriously about any girl. And, of course, looking back from the superior height of 28, this affair seemed rather amusing now. Trifling, too. Beryl Denny was a daughter of the managing director of a big firm of wine importers—miles above him, in the social scale—and if he had had any sense at all he would have known that the nipping in the bud of their boy and girl romance was inevitable from the beginning. But

you can't be as wise at 17 as you are—or ought to be—at 28. With fervent protestations of undying affection, and faithful promises to write at least once every week, Beryl went to complete her education in France. And that, due to parental intervention, was the end. Some time afterwards, in the New Year Honours, Brian saw that Mr. Basil Stafford Denny had received the accolade of knighthood. With a rather rueful smile, Royle admitted that he couldn't blame Beryl for that! Still, it served to show how wide the social gulf had been.

Nearing the street in which his office was situated, Royle reflected that Beryl Denny was the only girl who had held what might be called a definite place in his heart. He had never thought, well, tenderly, about anybody else. Yet, by Jove!—and sudden recollection almost made Royle pull up in his stride—that was not strictly true. But the other thing had been so nebulous—so unsubstantial, obscure and hazy—that it was hardly possible to affix any name to it at all. Perhaps the most that could be said was that it was a passing attraction, and only one-sided at that. He couldn't imagine that an hour after he'd finished the job of work he was appointed to do the girl even so much as remembered his existence. There was absolutely no reason why she should.

All he knew about her was that she was addressed as Miss Chigwell, and that she held the post of private secretary to the managing director of a firm, the half-yearly audit of whose books he, Royle—and Gower had been instructed by the employers to carry out. The job lasted nearly a fortnight, and for that time they occupied the next room to that of Miss Chigwell. To reach her room she had to pass through theirs, and at first she confined herself to formal but friendly "good mornings." Later, she stopped long enough to pass some remarks about the weather, or to mention a concert she had been to, or a picture she had seen, the previous night. Of slightly more than medium height, she had a slender, shapely body, hair of a burnished, chestnut color, and she wore neat, tailored suits. She had the blue eyes which are nearly always the natural accompaniment of a fair complexion, and her features were even and well formed.

One morning, after the door had closed behind Miss Chigwell, the irrepressible Gower said: "There goes, I'll bet you a liver, one of the most efficient private secretaries who are the special gifts of Providence to harassed managing directors. Nice girl, too. I don't say she's my type—not vivacious enough, and nobody could call her strikingly pretty—but she's got breeding, and doesn't put on a lot of silly side. I shouldn't be surprised if she's a parson's daughter, and that her vicarage home is buried somewhere in the country."

Royle had no means of knowing whether Gower's speculations were close to or miles off the mark. Anyhow, what did it signify? It was over 12 months since he had done that particular job, and had never met Miss Chigwell again. It was queer, though, that remembrance of her should have remained with him so vividly. He had often thought about her, and now, hanging up his hat and coat, he wondered where she would be spending Christmas. Funny!

On the morning of Christmas Eve, after glancing at the clock, Gower said: "Only another hour, and we bid adieu to our labours for four blissful days. What time are you leaving for your friends' place?"

Smiling rather wryly Brian replied: "I'm not going. It's off. They've been called away unexpectedly."

"Rough luck!" There was genuine regret in Gower's tone. "I'm joining the happy family circle. If I had to spend Christmas alone in digs—" Gower paused, then added: "Here's an idea! If I was in your place I'd get out the cat, choose any one of the roads, and without any settled plan, just drive on until I came across a farmhouse or roadside inn that looked a likely sort of place, in which to put up for a night, or longer. Leave it to chance and luck. Even in these days of conducted tours you can't rule, adventure clear out, and one never can tell who's round the next corner."

It was then, or shortly afterwards, Brian realised fully that David's letter had occasioned him something more than disappointment. Disturbance and startling

revelation, it had made a lonely man keenly aware of his loneliness. Well, there might be something in what Gower had said.

The noise of some one moving about in the small living-room below aroused Gloria Chigwell. She awoke suddenly, and for a minute was puzzled to know what the sounds could mean. It was Mrs. Dorsett, of course—the cheery, homely soul who came in every morning to wash the crockery, and tidy things up—but why was she so early? She had a key and could let herself in, but seldom arrived before Gloria was up. This morning was an exception, and the explanation could only be that she—Gloria—had overslept. Yes, the bedside clock registered a quarter to nine.

This morning, too, Gloria had awakened in a strangely light-hearted mood, a new experience in these last few months. Striving to capture an elusive memory, she frowned. Oh, yes, she remembered now. It was Christmas Eve, and, acting on a sudden resolve, she had decided to spend the holiday in a quiet hotel at Darthaven. Six months ago nothing, no powers of persuasion, could have induced her to leave her cottage. Gloria's frown deepened.

At that time—six months ago—Joyce Redmond had summarised the situation very fairly to a mutual friend. "Of course," she had said, "Donald has behaved abominably. He's a cad—a rank outsider. To be engaged to Gloria for two years, and then turn round and say he couldn't go on with it—to plead that he wasn't a marrying man—was unspeakably cruel. The only decent thing he's done is to clear out to South Africa, and stay there. Of course, knowing Gloria as we do

how seriously she takes things, her proper sense of pride and how devoted she was to Donald—we expected she'd be very badly hit, and feel inexpressibly humiliated. But not to the extent of throwing over everything her job and her friends—and shutting herself up in a country cottage. The hermit complex! I don't care how snug the place is, or if there are rambling roses and honeysuckle growing over the front door porch, it isn't natural—it isn't safe for a girl of twenty-five to go and hide herself away like that."

The appetising aroma of hot coffee and fried bacon greeted Gloria as she came downstairs. A minute later Mrs. Dorsett carried a tray into the living-room. "Good-morning, miss," she said, briskly. "It looks like being a nice day for your journey. You'll be catching the half-past three bus?"

Pouring out her coffee, Gloria said: "No, I shall walk to the station. It's only two miles, and I love the walk."

Mrs. Dorsett pressed an imaginary crease from her apron. "If you'll excuse my saying so, miss, I'm glad you're going away for a while. Do you good to mix with a bit of company. I've been a widow woman for six years, and I know how lonely one feels at times. Now and again my boys come to see me, and bring their wives and kiddies, and that helps. Yet it seems more lonely than ever after they've gone again."

A slight flush stained Gloria's cheeks. "Oh, I don't know, Mrs. Dorsett. I've got my writing to do, and my books, and the days pass quite quickly. Besides, you and everybody else in the village have been extremely kind to me so that I don't see how I could possibly feel lonely."

Moving to the door, Mrs. Dorsett recalled times when, thinking herself unobserved, Gloria's shoulders had drooped, and an expression had come into her eyes which the worldly-wise woman knew to be born of yearning, and she shrewdly suspected, of a sorrow jealously guarded from the world. "Ah, well, miss," said Mrs. Dorsett, finally, "I'm not altering my mind that a change won't do you good. And I hope, I'm sure, you'll have a very happy Christmas. Don't you worry about the cottage. I'll see that everything's all right."

"Thank you, Mrs. Dorsett," said Gloria. "I'm certain you will. And the same to you—a happy Christmas."

Carrying her suitcase, Gloria set out for the station. She had, as she loved herself, ample time, and Mrs. Dorsett's prophecy of a nice day was verified. The air, holding a strong line of frost, was invigorating. For some reason she did not care to analyse too closely, Gloria's mood was buoyant. Yet, could it be as much of her friends had declared that she had acted with unreasoning im-

pulse—blindly? But the hurt had been so crushing, the wound so deep, that she had not known what else to do. Was she really a coward—a person who squealed and ran and buried her head like an ostrich at the first signs of adversity—or disillusionment? If so, how did she compare with the countless thousands who faced up to the real tragedies of life—bereavement, unemployment, incurable disease?

These thoughts, intrusive and uninvited, were not pleasant. An end was put to them by Gloria treading on a loose stone. In preventing herself from falling, she twisted an ankle. Tentatively she put the injured foot to the ground. She did not think the strain was serious, but it was sufficiently severe to make further walking painful. Looking at her watch she reckoned the next bus would be along in half-an-hour. To rest the throbbing ankle Gloria went to a nearby gate.

It was there that a man in a passing car saw her standing. The car was doing an easy 25 m.p.h., and the driver had ample opportunity of taking stock of objects on either side of him. Because he was in no hurry, and had nowhere especially to go, he had maintained the same jog-trot speed over the last fifty miles. Dusk would not come for some time yet, but it was as well to be on the lookout for that likely farmhouse or way-side inn. Once darkness fell one might go on and on. Then, with quite an unnecessary screeching of brakes, the car stopped, and the driver got out.

In his musings, Brian Royle had admitted to himself that there was no reason whatever why Miss Chigwell should remember he had ever existed. Actually, this came very near to being the truth. A happily engaged girl of Gloria Chigwell's kind has few, if any, thoughts to spare for other men. But when Brian came towards her recognition was instantaneous.

"Good gracious! Mr. Royle," she said. "This is a surprise." Instinctively, she held out a hand. The action caused movement of the injured foot, and a twinge of pain was reflected in her face. Brian was quick to notice it.

"I say," he exclaimed, "Have you hurt yourself?"

Gloria laughed a trifle shakily. "It's nothing much," she said. "I was stupid enough to step on a stone and twist my ankle."

Assailed by his old enemy, reserve, Brian considered this statement for a moment. Then, partially forcing down the barrier, he said: "Are—are you spending Christmas somewhere around here? If so, please do let me give you a lift. Mine's not a posh car, but the engine's quite good."

Inherently decent herself, Gloria was able to appraise the same quality in others. In Royle she saw a young man striving to overcome a besetting shyness by a display of chivalry disguised as pleasantry. In the same spirit she replied:

"Please don't disparage your car, Mr. Royle. In any case, it's bound to be much better than mine because I haven't got one at all. Actually, though, I live here—in the nearest village—but am going to Darthaven for Christmas. I've booked up at a small hotel, and was on my way to the station." She paused, then asked "And where are you going?"

Smiling sheepishly, Brian said: "The answer will sound mad, absolutely crazy. But it's true. Nowhere—and anywhere." Then he told her of David's unexpected letter, the upsetting of his plans, and the whimsical advice proffered by Gower. She remembered Gower, didn't she? On the spur of the moment he'd acted upon it. Got into his car, driven away, and, well, here he was!

Gloria's laugh was more spontaneous than it had been for months. In spite of its implied element of pathos, the situation appealed to her sense of humour. There was something about it so quaintly quixotic. "You mean you took a chance and depended on luck," she said.

Brian grinned. "That's right," he said. Gosh! She had used the same words as Gower. There was that other bit about never knowing who was round the next corner, but he didn't think he'd better mention that. "If Darthaven's as pretty as its name, it must be a delightful place. Are you meeting friends there?"

Gloria both nodded and shook her head. "It is," she agreed. "Anyway, it suits me. Quiet and good sort of place. I shall be alone, except for a few people I may meet in the hotel."

Royle looked away. A thought

staggering in its boldness, and dazzling in the prospect it envisaged, had come to him suddenly. Would it—could it—be possible? To heighten confusion it occurred to him that Miss Chigwell had changed—that in some indefinite, and perhaps indefinable way, she was different. She had the same frank manner, and she spoke brightly, but her face had a drawn look, and, in repose, Brian fancied that her eyes might hold a suggestion of suffering. Had anything happened to cause her grief? Impelled by an alien courage, Brian pushed down the barrier.

"I wonder, I was thinking"—the words came haltingly, and he had to grope for them—"whether you'd mind—whether you'd think it was terribly impertinent of me—if I said that I'd like to spend Christmas at Darthaven, and whether you'd be offended if I offered to drive you there. You see?" Royle laughed jerkily—"to tell the truth I'm feeling lonely. But"—hurriedly he sought to correct any possible misapprehension—"I promise I wouldn't force my company on you. It's just that I'd have somewhere settled to go."

Gloria gazed steadily at Brian. Of his transparent honesty there could, she felt, be no question. It was stamped on his well-knit figure and open countenance, with its kindly brown eyes and resolute chin, symbols of tenderness and strength. For his age, perhaps, his face was preternaturally grave, but was wonderfully lightened when he smiled.

"Why, of course not," Gloria's answer was as unaffected as her nature. "How could I be offended or think you impertinent? Nobody should be unhappy at Christmas. But I don't know whether the hotel people can put you up. There you'll have to take another chance. Perhaps" and her voice became so low that Brian could barely hear her words "we're both suffering from the same complaint—loneliness."

By dinner time on Christmas Day nearly all the events that mattered in the lives of Gloria Chigwell and Brian Royle were known to each other. To two people inspired by mutual trust there was something in the peacefulness of Darthaven, and the spirit of the season, which compelled confidences. With the sea a panorama before them they had sat on the hotel veranda until twinkling lights appeared to trace the arc of the curved promenade.

Brian had comparatively little to tell—the episode of Beryl and her honour-seeking father seemed very remote and inconsequent now—but more in detail he described his early struggles and the necessity they had imposed of living very largely within and for himself. Very diffidently he referred to his first acquaintance with Gloria. "Ever since then," he said, simply, "I've never forgotten you, and have always hoped that one day we might meet again."

Gloria spoke of the sorrow that had come into her life, and of how happy she had been as the fiancée of Donald Sainsbury. He was, she said, a fascinating lover—handsome, clever and attentive. Her smallest wish had always seemed his greatest desire. That had made the sudden end—the disillusionment—so much worse. At first, when she took the country cottage, she thought she would find solace in solitude and work, and that new surroundings would enable her to find peace, if not forgetfulness. Yet, latterly, she had begun to doubt whether shutting herself away, and becoming selfish and self-centred, could ever bring back true happiness.

Very lightly Brian rested a hand on hers. "My dear," he said, "I think I understand. And one day—because I know I love you very sincerely—I should like to come and ask you whether you can ever love me, and whether, together, we can forget what loneliness means."

When Gloria turned to him, Royle saw that her eyes were tear-dimmed. "That, my dear," she said, "is very sweet of you. I do believe you, and when we've got to know each other better, I think the answer will be what you seek. But the wound was very deep, and you must be patient and give me time."

Brian was well content. Retiring that night, mingled with thoughts of the most splendid girl in the world, were grateful remembrances of Cecil Gower. "Of course," Brian soliloquised, "he's an inimitable flirt, but a dashed good sort all the same. If it hadn't been for him, I'd never have known who was round the next corner."

The Seven Pillars Of Fascism

THE Fascist regime in Italy rests primarily on the shoulders of the Duce, but under him there are seven lieutenants who have passed from office to office, seven men who compose the orchestra and lead the dance which keeps the country breathless.

First of all, Count Galeazzo Ciano, Mussolini's chosen successor, the "magnificent son-in-law." He was born at Livorno in 1903. His father Costanzo Ciano was a follower of Mussolini's from the first, but at the time of the march on Rome, Galeazzo was a young man more taken up with girls and his tailor than with politics. He dabbled in journalism but no one took him seriously. He tried the theatre and wrote two little plays which were never presented.

His father Costanzo, to whom the Duce could refuse nothing, pushed him into a diplomatic career. He was sent to Rio de Janeiro as a young attaché. In 1929, after the Treaty of Latern, he was secretary to the Italian Embassy at the Vatican. But it was in 1930 that the handsome young man made the best coup of his life: he married Edda Mussolini.

After the marriage, celebrated with unheard-of pomp—it is said that the Duce gave his daughter a present of eight million lire—the couple was sent to Asia. Galeazzo was Consul at Shanghai, then, in 1933, Minister in China. But Edda, more ambitious, obtained the recall of her husband; he was named delegate to the Economic Conference in London; then he became chief of the Press Bureau and President of the Council. Then came the war in Ethiopia and for the sake of his prestige Ciano took part.

On his return from Africa in 1936 he was named Minister of Foreign Affairs, the youngest Minister of Foreign Affairs in the world.

Italo Balbo, Lieutenant No. 2, was born in 1896 in the province of Ferrara. During the war he fought valiantly; physical courage was his outstanding quality.

After the seizure of power, Balbo was named Commandant-General of the Fascist militia that Mussolini had just created. From 1929 to 1933, he was Air Minister and brought into being the aerial army of which Italy is so very proud.

Balbo was a friend of Mussolini and was the only one who could stand up to him.

The Duce loves to change his Ministers and the latter never know when they are going to be sacked or given another post.

In 1933 Balbo was made Governor of Libya. In this capacity he did fine work in transforming the land into a model colony. His

By Emmanuel D'Astier

reputation was such that he was popularly regarded as Mussolini's successor.

Perhaps that is why he died in a mysterious aeroplane accident last year.

And now we come to Dino Grandi, Mussolini's friend and very influential. In the beginning he was antagonistic to Mussolini but at the Congress of Rome in 1921 a reconciliation was brought about.

At the time of the march on Rome, Grandi took an active part in the movement. After holding various governmental posts he became Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1930.

In 1934, he was appointed Ambassador to London, which position he held for some time.

Ever since November, 1936, Arturo Bocchini has been the supreme and all-powerful chief of the Italian Police. Every morning he feels the pulses of Italian life and takes measures to ensure the physical and moral invulnerability of the Duce. He never has a holiday.

Bocchini's astounding creation, the O.V.R.A. (Organisation for Vigilance and the Repression of Anti-Fascism) is the backbone of the regime. Without it the dictatorship could probably not have

resisted the assaults of public opinion.

He is tired, after fourteen years of formidable work, and is dreaming of retiring to the country, leaving his responsibilities to his favourite lieutenant, Commander Schiavo.

Achille Starace, until recently General Secretary of the Fascist Party, is a member of the Council of Ministers and of the Council of Fascism.

He was born at Gallipoli in 1889 and carries his fifty-one years well. He is servile to Mussolini and bullying with humbler folk. He is not at all popular.

He distinguished himself in the war of 1914-18, winning several medals. After the Armistice, the Fascist venture tempted him.

He organised the first unions in southern Italy and attracted the notice of Mussolini. In 1921 he became Vice-General Secretary of the Fascist Party. He took part in several punitive operations and was called upon to destroy by violence the organisations of the Left. In this task he showed himself a cruel man, a one hundred per cent. Fascist, always ready for a fray. He became general secretary of the party after the disgrace and dismissal of his predecessor, Augusto Turati, in 1931.

Starace is the type that pleases the Duce: moderately intelligent, a demon for work, a meticulous executor of orders, circumspect.

Roberto Farinacci ranged himself on the Duce's side soon after the war and organised Fascist squads in the valley of the Po.

After the march on Rome, as a recompense for all his services, he was made an advocate and in order to enable him to practise his profession, he was allowed to pass all the examinations before a specially called commission.

However, his air of being indispensable annoys Mussolini who



Evacuated mothers and children leaving a London school for the railway station. (Copyright, Fox).

dislikes him and now uses him only for the writing of polemics in his organ *Regime Fascista*.

Virginio Gayda, born in Rome in August, 1885, was a Fascist partisan from the beginning.

It was in 1926 that he became director of the *Giornale d'Italia* and made himself notable for his hatred of the Germans and the Serbs. After the reversal of the Mussolinian policy on the subject of Yugoslavia and the rest, Gayda, who is only a very humble servant of the pen at the orders of the master, turned his coat and now he adores Serbs and Germans whom he formerly vilified, and

spits upon the French. Gayda writes the leading article in the *Giornale d'Italia* every day and on Sundays the whole of a special edition. Americans have calculated that he produces 500,000 words a year. He takes his orders from Ciano.

Sometimes it happens that Ciano's orders do not conform with Mussolini's wishes. Then Gayda, who has already written an article in accordance with instructions from the Chigi Palace, hastens with sweat on his brow to change it from top to bottom in accordance with the wishes of the Venice Palace. He is blindly submissive and accepts everything.

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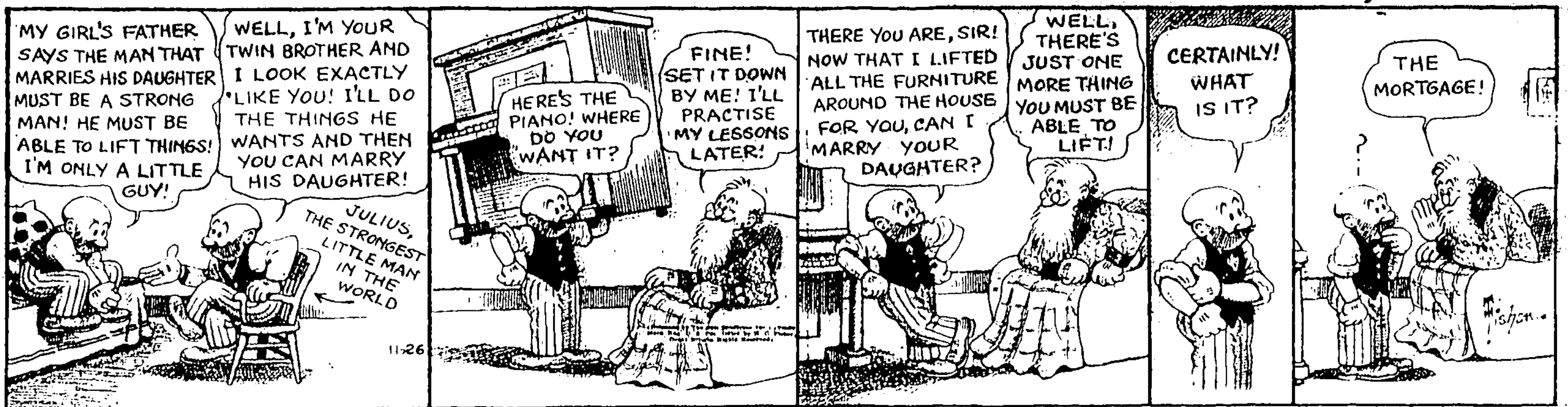
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Chic Wardrobe

According to Claudette Colbert, who frequently has been named Hollywood's best dressed woman, any woman can look smartly dressed at all time regardless of her income, if she has a desire to look smart! And that should be comforting news for many of us to-day!

"That might sound smug coming from me when I can now afford any clothes I want," Claudette said charmingly, "but I speak with a very vivid memory of the days when one foot of closet space was more than ample for my wardrobe!"

"Dressing smartly, or fashionably, doesn't come naturally to every woman. Some women have an innate flair for being chic, others haven't. But smartness may be acquired by the woman who seriously desires it."

A Basic Wardrobe

"I believe," Claudette continued, "that the basic wardrobe of any girl to-day should include one well-fitted suit with a blouse, a sweater and the right bag, gloves, shoes and hat to go with a tailored costume. The suit doesn't have to be custom made. You can buy excellent suits in department or specialty shops and have them altered to your figure measurements. But one important thing to remember is that high-heeled shoes are definitely not smart with a suit. A suit requires a medium or lower heel."

"The next costume in this three-piece smart wardrobe is a good, black crepe dress. It should not be flossy, or in any way styled to a current fad. It should do all that it possibly can for your particular figure which, nine times out of ten, means it should be severely simple with a flattering neckline, long or bracelet-length sleeves and probably a bias or circular skirt, or a nicely gored skirt."

"With a few inexpensive but not flashy accessories, this dress can become a dozen different costumes for dinner or office wear. You may have a felt hat and a



HELEN PARRISH, the pretty young lady who has grown up suddenly, models a black hat with colorful birds which will dress up a basic, black silk dress.

black velvet hat. You will be smarter than the girls who go in for coloured dresses and then attempt to select harmonising accessories! You know that is a difficult task.

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Every Woman Has Two Personalities

You have only to look at the two photographs of pretty Kathryn Adams, to know I am not misleading you when I say you have two personalities! Very definitely Kathryn has two — the one on the left is her casual self; the one on the right is her exotic self.

We, as women, get in the habit of looking the same day in, and day out unless a new love interest enters our life. And then, how we change from a little drab thrush into a peacock!

Now wouldn't it be a good thing for many of us to pretend a new love has entered our life and see what sort of a Cinderella we could be if a fairy-godmother told us we might go to the most exciting ball of the season! What changes we are capable of, if only there was an incentive!

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neckline does for you, or a new coiffure or a couple of beauty-reviving facials! Simply living through the transformation is going to bring a beguiling sparkle to your eyes, a new lift to your step and more friendliness to your smile. In other words, you are going to radiate charm with a capital C.

Now a warning! Once this transformation is complete, you cannot continue acting like your old self. That drab little person high and in pleasing grace. You have been banished for the time being at least, and this new, exotic self must act up to her part. Don't let criticism of family or friends — if they chide you it is because they are envious they haven't the will to do what you have done! Act serene in your new found beauty and poise and you will find that life suddenly has taken on new thrills! "Beauty is the magnet that draws all good things to you," is the motto of a modern success school; and a good one. The person who has been surprised when a change of

women to fasten onto. There is absolutely no sin in indulging your vanity a normal degree. Of course, you should speak in a better regulated voice. Of course, you should wear the colour of your course, you should reveal your pretty figure if it is pretty. You have every right in the world to wear as provocative a hat or perfume as you desire. You should walk proudly with your head held old self. That drab little person high and in pleasing grace. You have been banished for the time being at least, and this new, exotic self must act up to her part. Don't let criticism of family or friends — if they chide you it is because they are envious they haven't the will to do what you have done! Act serene in your new found beauty and poise and you will find that life suddenly has taken on new thrills! "Beauty is the magnet that draws all good things to you," is the motto of a modern success school; and a good one. The person who has been surprised when a change of

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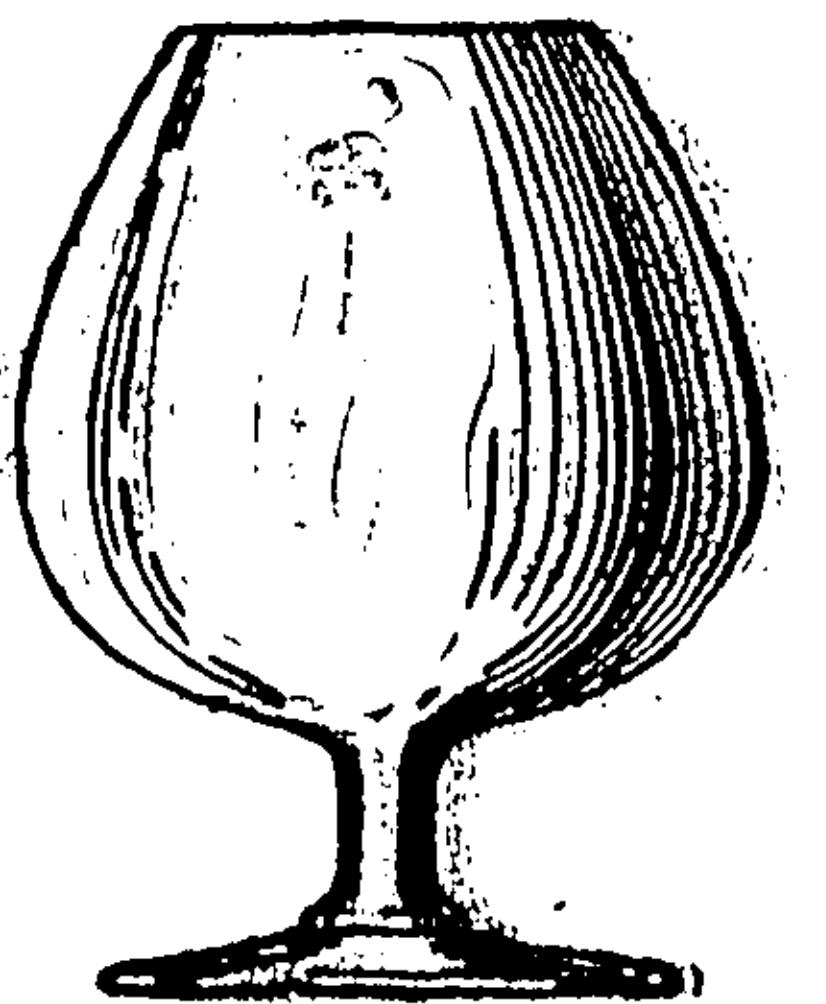
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Local Sports



Major C. M. Manners (skip of the President's Team) and Mr. B. D. Evans (skip of the Vice-President's Team) in the Annual Bowls Event of the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day.



A snap taken during the match between the Police and the Destroyers at the Navy Ground last Sunday in King's Park.



A RAID ON THE VILLAGE SHOP — The youngsters who have been evacuated from London to this Berkshire village, soon found the position of the local "sweets and toys" shop. Here are some of them doing a little window gazing before purchasing. (Copyright, Fox).

(Left)—A group photo taken at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day on the occasion of the annual President versus Vice-President Bowls Match.



A group of baseball players taken before the Charity Softball Match at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and the Combined U.S. Navy in aid of the Bomber Fund.



KING AND QUEEN VISIT COMMUNAL CENTRES.— Their Majesties the King and Queen visited Communal Centres in South London and chatted to some of the people who are without gas and who go to the Central School and get meals for a few pence. Photo shows the King watching some of the people enjoying their meals at the Centre while Her Majesty chats to one of them at the table. (Copyright, Fox).

(Left)—American destroyers recently crossed the Atlantic to join the British Fleet. Photo shows two of the ships proceeding on their way while the sun sets in mid-Atlantic. (Official Photograph).

Pre-Entry Training Scheme For The Royal Air Force

INDO-CHINA BORDER CLASHES CONTINUE

Indo-China frontier guards routed a Thai detachment at Ampil, 12 miles north-east of Poipet, according to a Havas message from Hanoi received in Vichy yesterday.

The message adds that French aircraft bombed two towns in Thailand as reprisal for raids by Siamese planes on Donchene, in Indo-China.—Reuter.

BURIAL OF CHIEF SCOUT

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, was buried yesterday afternoon in the tiny cemetery at Nyeri, in Kenya.

The funeral was carried out with full military honours befitting Lord Baden-Powell's rank as Lieutenant-General.

Lady Baden-Powell was not present as she had been obliged to go into the country to rest after the strain of nursing her husband during his illness.

The British Government has made an offer of burial in Westminster Abbey but the question whether the offer will be accepted or the remains transferred to Gilwell (the Scout centre in Britain) will not be decided until after the war.—Reuter.

Invitation To Boys Of Sixteen

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE INAUGURATION OF NATIONWIDE PRE-ENTRY TRAINING FOR THE R.A.F., PROVIDING EDUCATION AND SERVICE TRAINING FOR BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18 YEARS, WAS ANNOUNCED BY SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY FOR AIR, YESTERDAY.

"We are making a broad highway into the R.A.F.," said Sir Archibald, "which will be open to young men who have every kind of education and experience, even those who have abandoned their education at an early stage."

REPRISAL ARREST

His characteristic loyalty has landed Sjoerd Gerbaandy, son of Holland's exiled Premier, in a Nazi gaol in Holland.

"Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, related yesterday that the Nazis ordered the arrest of Gerbaandy as a "reprisal arrest" but their quarry was so effectively sheltered that they had to arrest his friend as hostage.

When Gerbaandy heard his friend was arrested he surrendered and is now in prison, where one of his companions is the son of Van Boekelstein, Minister of Education.—Reuter.

It is estimated there are in Britain about 700,000 boys between these ages to whom the scheme will be open.

Provided they are physically fit and desire to serve eventually in the R.A.F. or the Fleet Air Arm—either as members of air crews or ground staffs—for the need to meet the requirements of recruitment and an essential reservoir of reserves is as important in one direction as the other—they will be eligible to join the scheme.

Schoolboys from Elementary as well as Secondary and Public Schools and young artisans from all walks of life will equally benefit by training in air subjects.

Cadet Corps

Foundations of the Corps will be existing squadrons of the Air Defence Cadet Corps, the air sections of School Training Corps and University air squadrons.

These last squadrons are being re-established and increased in number to include universities in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Essential "homework," to enable the young men of Britain to take the "two great hurdles"—as Sir Archibald described them—high physical and education tests—before entering the air war, will be provided both on a school and local country or area basis.

Period of training will be nine months after which the trainee will return to school or occupation and wait to be called up.

New Director

New Director of Pre-Entry Training at the Air Ministry will be Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Headmaster of Uppingham School, and Air Commodore J. A. Chamier will be Commandant of the Corps.

As Air Marshal A. G. R. Garrod, Air Member for Training on the Air Council, remarked yesterday: "It may be the young men of 16 to-day who will tip the scales" when they enter the R.A.F. in 1942, if the war goes on that long.

It will even be within the discretion of local committees to admit boys of 15 years.—Reuter.

MUSLIM PRAYERS

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE ANNIHILATION OF FASCISM AND NAZISM WERE OFFERED BY MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT INDIA AT THE FEAST OF IDULZUHA ON WEDNESDAY.

Prayers for the safety of the Muslim countries in the Near and Middle East were also offered, while in Bhopal additional prayers of thanksgiving for the vic-

CASUALTIES ON CHINA GUNBOAT

British naval losses in operations off the Libyan coast in the river gunboat "Aphis" comprised two ratings killed; a Chief Petty Officer died from wounds, and two seamen wounded.

These, as already announced by the Admiralty, were the only naval casualties during the bombardment of Bardia.—Reuter.

NORWAY'S QUISLINGS WARNED

The Norwegian Government in London yesterday issued a statement declaring null and void appointments made by the authorities in German-occupied Norway without regard to established laws.

It was authoritatively stated in Norwegian circles in London yesterday that newly-established posts in State or Municipal governments will be subject to review when the legal Government is re-established in Norway.

Appointments due to political motives or other improper reasons will be annulled and possessors of such posts and those who appointed them will be held to account for their actions.

The Norwegian Government also declared that the confiscation of private property in Norway is null and void without a proper legal basis and that property thus seized will have to be returned to its former owners.—Reuter.

BREN GUN CONTRACTS

Two contracts for the manufacture of Bren guns have been placed by the Canadian Government, stated the newspaper "Ottawa Journal" yesterday.

The contracts were placed with the John Inglis Company after cancellation of the single contract which the company hitherto held.

The "Ottawa Journal" considers this move indicates that the company's factory will be operated "under public ownership," and states that Government made the new contracts retroactive "to the very beginning of the Bren gun enterprise."

Included in the contracts are Brens both for the British and Canadian Governments.—Reuter.

tory of the British Imperial forces in the Western Desert were offered.—Reuter.

Burma Railway Project

Construction of the western section of the Burma Railway must proceed according to the wishes of the British Government, it was stated in Chinese circles in Chungking to-day commenting on the Rangoon report that construction on that section of the line is about to begin.

The immense importance of this railway to China cannot be over-estimated, it is emphasised.

While construction of the entire railway is likely to take from four to six years, owing to the immense natural difficulties in the way of its completion, two-thirds of the distance, only 327 kilometres, would considerably mitigate transportation difficulties and delays between China and the outside world and would greatly speed up the export trade, thereby improving China's financial stability and fortifying her powers of resistance.

The Burma Railway at present is planned to intersect the Burma road, thus cutting off 635 kilometres between Yunnanfu and the Burma frontier.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL SINKS TO LOW DEPTH

Observations of Admiral Platon, Marshal Petain's Colonial Minister, in an interview yesterday that Britain wished to appropriate French colonies so as to use them as bargaining counters if a compromise peace was offered her, have been noticed with regret in authoritative quarters in London.

These quarters point out that the Admiral has reproduced—apparently as a matter of personal opinion—the deliberate line of propaganda which the Germans have been fostering since the collapse of France.

It is recalled that the Prime Minister, in his broadcast to the French nation on October 21, made it abundantly plain that there was no foundation of truth in this line of propaganda.

Mr. Churchill said: "Don't imagine, as the German-controlled wireless tells you, that we English think to take your ships and colonies. We don't covet anything from any nation except respect."—Reuter.

JAPANESE MISSION IN BERLIN

A JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION WAS TO ARRIVE IN BERLIN LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO A GERMAN RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT.

Headed by General Yamashita the mission is expected to remain in Germany some time, and extensive contacts in the military sphere are expected as provided under the Three-Power Pact, the announcer added.

The delegation travelled via Russia.—Reuter.



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ITALIAN AIR FORCE HARD HIT

Squadrons Caught On Ground In R.A.F. Raids

All Main Bases In Libya Receive Heavy Attacks

LIBERTY EQUALITY FRATERNITY

"My heart goes out to France in these days of her travail," said President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

He added: "I pray that the French people may soon again enjoy the blessings of peace with liberty, equality and fraternity."—Reuter.

Italian Tribute To R.A.F.

No force in the world could have stood up to the merciless pounding of the R.A.F., state two Italian generals taken prisoner when Bardia fell.

The R.A.F. machines, they said, came over as regularly as the hourly chimes of Bardia's clock.

They admired the skillful way in which the British planes confined their attacks to the defences and did not wilfully destroy the town.

Other Italian prisoners also speak of the great accuracy of the British bombing.

Few targets of military importance remain in Bardia, although the town itself has been hardly touched. — Reuter.

PATCHING UP PEACE

HUNGARIAN-RUMANIAN DISPUTES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, STATED A REPORT FROM BUCHAREST TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Rumanian delegation will presumably be headed by M. Valerian Pop, with the Iron Guard press chief, Alexander Randa, as his deputy.

The delegation will be divided into seven sections. — Reuter.

CHOICE FOR MEN OVER THIRTY

Men over 30 years of age, and due to register under the Military Service Act on January 11 or January 18, may apply for vacancies in the Civil Defence Forces in lieu of military service.

This was announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, yesterday. He stated that the vacancies concerned are in the Auxiliary Fire Services, first aid parties, and the Police War Reserve. — Reuter.

THE R.A.F. AGAIN CAUGHT THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE NAPPING AND STRUCK WITH REMORSELESS ENERGY AT SQUADRONS OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AT THEIR BASES, SAYS THE LATEST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique says: "Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. continued on Wednesday their intensive bombing of Italian aerodromes and landing grounds in eastern Libya.

"El Gazala, Martuba, Tommi and Genina were all heavily attacked, and in addition Ben Ghazi and Tobruk were raided.

BOOMING GUNS GREET MR. HOPKINS

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, arrived in London last evening; he declined to make any statement at present concerning the nature of his mission.

The air raid alert was in force and guns were booming when Mr. Hopkins arrived at the main line railway station.

The platform was barricaded and guarded and no members of the general public saw him.

Mr. Hopkins, who was accompanied from the port of disembarkation by Mr. Churchill's Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr. Brendan Bracken, was greeted at the station by Mr. Herschel Johnson, of the American Embassy, and representatives of the Foreign Office, the Admiralty and other Government departments. — Reuter.

200,000 GERMANS IN POLAND

About 200,000 Germans have now settled in Polish territory which has been incorporated into the Reich, according to figures available in Polish quarters in London last night.

Almost three-quarters of the Germans recently repatriated from the Baltic States are now in Poland, while about 75 per cent of Germans formerly resident in Poland have been presented with 15,000 expropriated Polish farming estates.

Twenty thousand German miners have been transplanted to the Katowice coal area. — Reuter.

INTERMENT CAMP SUICIDE ATTEMPT

An attempt to end his life was made by an inmate of the Chinese Soldiers Internment Camp in Argyle Street yesterday. The man who was found hanging from a beam at noon was cut down by fellow-inmates and conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital.

"At Martuba our aircraft carried out low-flying attacks on the aerodrome. Eleven Savoia bombers were set on fire and others badly damaged.

"Two Savoia bombers aground at Gazala were also attacked, one of them being severely damaged and the other seen to be already unserviceable.

100 'Planes Bombed

"At Benina about 100 enemy aircraft on the ground were heavily bombed. Several of them were destroyed and others badly damaged.

"Seven Savoia bombers on the Tommi landing ground were seen to be burnt out."

A particularly heavy raid was made on Ben Ghazi. Four of five ships received direct hits and a number of fires were started in warehouses.

A further bombing attack was also made on Wednesday on Tobruk defences and other military objectives.

Italian convoys north-west of Girarabus were attacked both by bombers and fighters and considerable damage caused.

Submarine Base

Bombed

The communique also breaks the silence on R.A.F. activity on Tuesday.

That night, as on the night before, Massawa, in Italian Eritrea, was the target of British bombers.

The communique states: "The power station and submarine base were selected for special attack. A number of high explosive bombs fell on the submarine base, starting a fire."

During daylight on Tuesday, as already announced from Athens, a successful raid was made on military stores and buildings at Elbasan (Albania) despite terribly bad weather.

Not a single aircraft was lost during the operations under review. — Reuter.

FRENCH IN BARDIA OPERATION

TWO BATTALIONS OF FREE FRENCH TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATIONS AGAINST BARDIA WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO REACH THE ROAD TO THE WESTWARDS, CUTTING OFF THE ITALIAN RETREAT IN THE DIRECTION OF TOBRUK, ACCORDING TO NEWS RECEIVED IN WELL-INFORMED FRENCH QUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The French repulsed one attempt by the Italians to escape, capturing a large number of prisoners, war material and supplies.

Their ranks included many Spanish (French colonial cavalry) who, following France's collapse, escaped from Syria into Palestine to join the British forces. — Reuter.

POLES EXECUTED BY NAZIS

Six more Poles have been executed by the German authorities for being in possession of firearms and concealing ammunition, according to Polish quarters in London yesterday.

A Polish peasant in Kalisz was sentenced to death for an attack on a German prison warden. — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

Chief activity on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was again confined to certain sections. Rails were strong on a maintenance of provincial enquiry, together with speculative buying on dividend hopes. Kafirs attracted a good deal of attention while oils, after making further headway, finished under the best on profit-taking. Elsewhere prices were quiet owing to attention being diverted to the three above groups. Gilt-edged were inclined to ease. Foreign issues were quiet but Chinese Loans were well supported. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

DE GAULLE MOVEMENT SPREADING

General De Gaulle, leader of all Free Frenchmen, was called a "great Christian leader" who gained his inspiration from the glorious Christian past of his country by Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday.

Every obstacle in the way of complete Anglo-French understanding and friendship should be removed and every explanation called for should be given, said the Archbishop.

Growing support for General De Gaulle in France is stressed by the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "Godesborg, Fos," who quotes the German paper "National Zeitung" as stating that "the French behave like victors instead of the vanquished."

Everywhere, officers and others express sympathy with General De Gaulle and some circles openly work against Germany, the Nazi paper complains. — Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR ALBANIA

The Italians have sent numerous reinforcements by sea and air across the Straits of Otranto to Albania, according to the correspondent of the French newspaper "Le Temps" on the Italian frontier yesterday, says Reuter.

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EPIDEMIC OF SCURVY BREAKS OUT IN HOLLAND

AN EPIDEMIC OF SCURVY has broken out in Holland, and the Dutch people firmly believe that Hitler's "grain and rye" loaf is responsible.

So sure are they that they have named the present acute form of the disease "broods-churft" or bread scurvy.

Messages reaching the "Vrij Nederland" (the Dutch newspaper published in London) indicate the great concern of the health-loving Dutch people, who state that dried Dutch bulbs, which are now unsaleable, are being ground down and mixed with flour supplied by the Germans.

Food Stocks Impounded

The widespread nature of this conviction caused the German authorities to issue a flat denial, but the Dutch persist in the view that ersatz material is being used in flour.

Food throughout Holland is by no means plentiful. Uncensored letters reaching the "Vrij Nederland" show that 20,000 people feed at communal centres at Utrecht daily.

Much of Holland's food stocks have been impounded by the German authorities, just as many thousands of Dutch workers have been transported to Germany.

This removal of workers from Holland forebodes to failure all present German efforts to organize Dutch industry for the German war effort, for in addition to the fact that there are no raw materials for war manufactures available, the voluntary Nazi labour service scheme in Holland is singularly lacking in recruits. — Reuter.

BLAST INJURIES — A WARNING

Warning of a danger that injury to lungs caused by bomb blast may go unrecognized and the accompanying shock be put down to other causes, is given in "The Lance", the medical newspaper.

The lungs can be damaged by blast without there being any injury to the body surface, but there may be delay before symptoms develop.

"In cases of asphyxia due to this cause," it is added, "the Schafer method (the usual method) of artificial respiration will prove not only ineffective but even harmful, and this will have to be made clear to first aid workers."

"When no adequate cover is available the effects of high explosive on the lungs can be greatly lessened by lying on the ground."

Clothing Tests.

Three naval doctors, who had examined twenty-seven victims of recent explosive bombing found that in fifteen of the patients was "ballooning" of the lower part of the chest. There was no satisfactory explanation of this.

Dr. S. Zuckermandl describes explosion blast tests on rabbits whose trunks were clothed in various thicknesses of rubber. They showed that it is the pressure wave of blast which bruises the lungs by its impact on the body-wall.

"They also demonstrate that this effect can be prevented or diminished, if the body is clothed in a suitable material which is able to take up and disperse the pressure wave."

T. U. CHIEF ON NAZI TYRANNY

A remarkable trade union indictment of Nazi tyranny has just been circulated among the British unions by Mr. John Marchbank, the railwaymen's leader. Describing the struggle as "a people's war," Mr. Marchbank says: "It there were ever any doubt about it, the tragic events of the last months have brought the truth home to working people."

Through the under ground channels of the international trade union and Socialist movement, Mr. Marchbank has received continuous information of the enslavement of the workers of Germany and the occupied territories. This information has proved that Hitlerism is a "slave system, more ruthless, complete and aggressive than any form of serfdom which existed in the Middle Ages. The tortures of the concentration camp and the Gestapo terrorise the people."

Mr. Marchbank continues: "Nazi tyranny extends to the inner life of the people. It sows suspicion, fear and hate in the very bosom of the family. None dare trust his neighbour with his innermost thoughts or speak freely even in his own home. The authority of the State, of the Nazi party or the ruling clique amongst its leaders is absolute."

Ensure Swift Supplies

"It is our war because the working people have flung their energies into the work of equipping the fighting forces, have surrendered for the time being vital safeguards of normal industrial life so that the war trades shall be kept in continuous production and to ensure swift and ample supplies of every essential weapon."

"It is our war, the people's war, because it will decide whether we are to live under Governments of our own choosing or be delivered, bound hand and foot, to tyrannical rulers who know no law except their own cruel caprices. In the countries under the heel of the dictators, men

ITALY IN FINANCIAL MORASS

Only 40 per cent of the year's expenditure will be covered by revenue under the Italian Budget, according to the Zurich newspaper "Stampa" yesterday.

Revenue during the next financial year is estimated at 29 milliard lire. For the previous five years deficits aggregated 80 milliard lire.—Reuter.

MOTHERS WIFELESS MEN

(By A Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Davie, a plump, silver-haired woman, has the job of mothering twenty-four husbands whose wives have been evacuated.

Before the war she was housekeeper to M.P.'s and other tenants of a block of luxury flats. Now she runs a husbands' hostel.

It is a house near Charlton Village, Blackheath, which has been loaned to Greenwich Borough Council by a doctor. There, for 34s. 6d. a week, a man can get a bed, breakfast, supper and amusements.

"It's a real home from home—and that's saying a lot," said Mr. John West, the first of the lodgers, to me.

With his fourteen-year-old son, Johnny, he works at Millwall Docks, cycling ten miles to work every morning and back at night. His wife and six of the children have gone to Northamptonshire.

It was supper time. "Usually, at this time of night and with the family away," he said, "I should be mucking about with the gas stove and dishes trying to get a meal together, and then carrying blankets to the public shelter."

"Instead of that, I can get a wash and sit down to a spread that makes your mouth water—and I'm seen as safely here in the basement on a decent bed."

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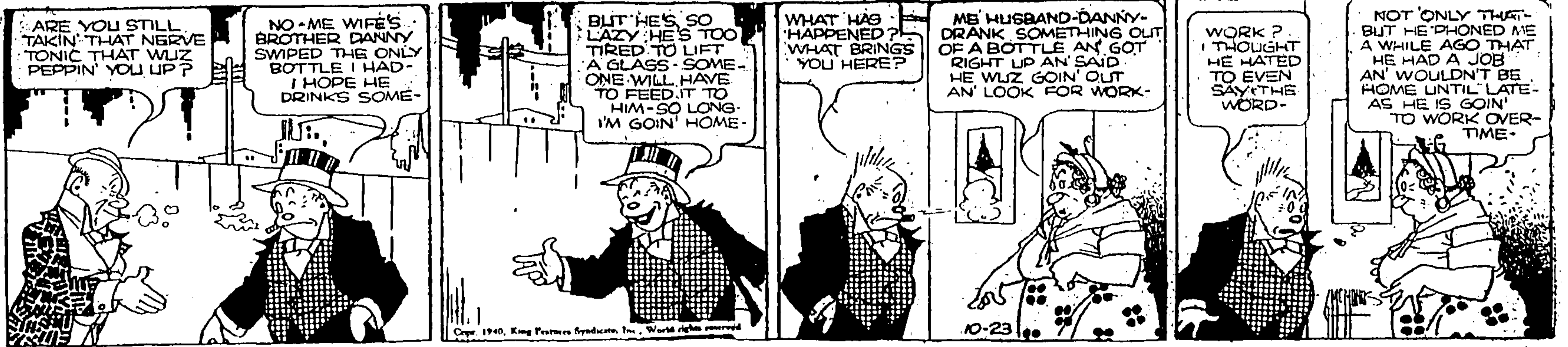
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By George MacManus



Surprise Attacks By Thailand's Forces

IN CAMBODIA, Thai aircraft dropped bombs on Sisophon and on another Indo-Chinese border town, killing two and wounding 11, it was stated in a Saigon radio broadcast.

In addition Thai troops made surprise attacks and raids on Cambodian territory.

During the night of Tuesday, Thai territory, the communique adds.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SEES MARSHAL PETAIN

Admiral Leahy, the new United States Ambassador to the Vichy Government, had half an hour's talk with Marshal Petain yesterday afternoon, according to a Vichy report. Reuter.

Reports from Bangkok that Siamese troops had entered Indo-Chinese territory, penetrating as far as 15 miles inland, with French troops withdrawing, are described in Saigon as completely untrue.

"From time to time Thai patrols have crossed the French frontier and sought to kidnap native families and draw them into Thailand territory.

"Every now and then these patrols made contact with our troops and hurried back to their own territory but on no occasions have French troops withdrawn before Siamese attacks."—Reuter.

ITALY ROBS MALTA

Malta's financial loss through Italian banking default at the Banco di Roma is estimated at £430,000, with possible credits of about £11,000.

About a quarter of this money belongs to convents, religious funds and to priests.—Reuter.

10 HELD UP ROOF BY HAND

Ten men held up with their hands the roof of a collapsing house in a Home Counties town while children were rescued from the debris during the London area's longest night raid.

The roof had to be held up when two bombs demolished several houses.

A mother and child who were sleeping on the first floor, were blown from their beds through a window on to the front garden.

Hundreds of London school-children have been evacuated to the area, which had its worst bombing of the war. More than thirty Council houses were made uninhabitable—and several were demolished.

Soldier Killed On Leave

Two heavy bombs were dropped by a raider, who came down very low.

So far three deaths have been reported; two children and a soldier who was home on a night's leave. Several people were injured, some seriously.

A warden who walked in the darkness, into several feet of water in a bomb crater, was rescued with difficulty.

German raiders came over in small groups rather than in "Indian file," and attempted to penetrate the capital's defences from many different points. They were again met by an intense barrage.

In one two-hour period nearly one hundred enemy planes were over Britain at various times.

Liverpool and other Merseyside towns experienced the most widespread attack for some time, but damage and casualties were slight.

A.T.S. Victims

In the London area three A.T.S. girls were killed in a lorry when a bomb fell a few yards away from them.

A baby sleeping in a car in a garage was killed when the garage was demolished. The mother was in a nearby doorway.

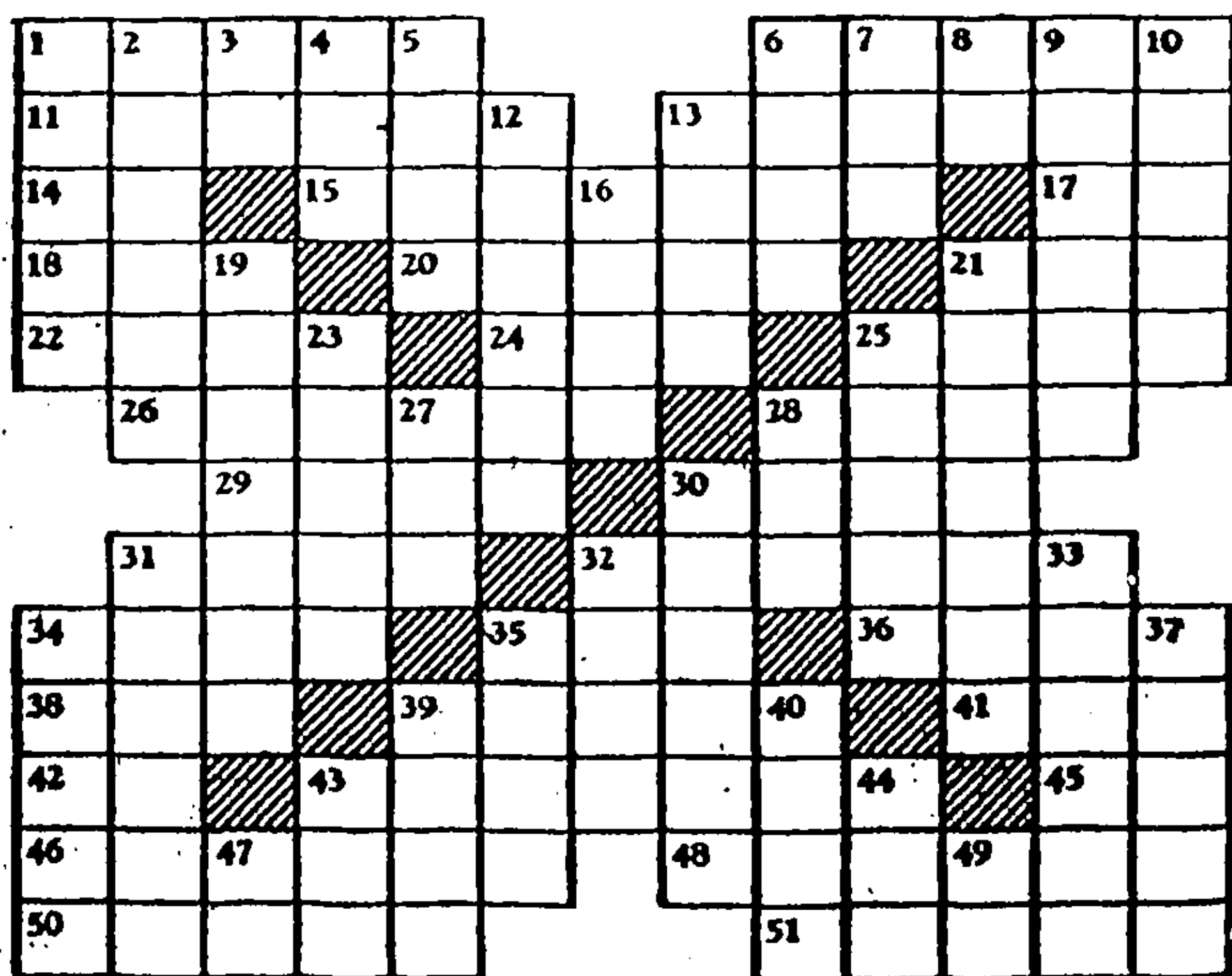
But for a previous raid more than 200 people would have been killed at a London school which was bombed.

A fortnight ago fire bombs destroyed part of the roof, and 200 homeless East Enders who were staying there were removed elsewhere.

"It was God's mercy," the caretaker said: "It's a certainty that everybody would have been killed."

Four men—Home Guards and A.R.P. workers—were trapped in a shelter beneath debris when a bomb struck a building. Mechanical excavators were used in the hope of saving the men.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



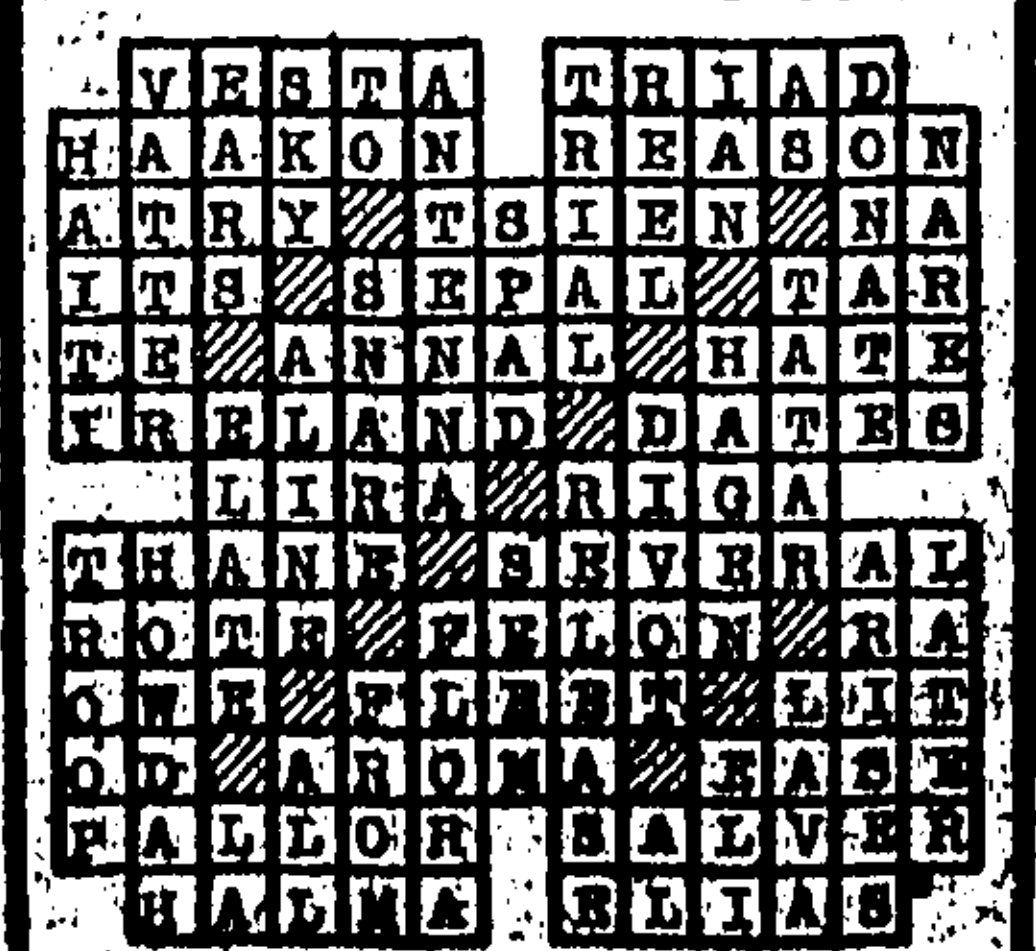
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- 1 Vapid
- 6 Harasses
- 11 Refinement
- 13 To transmit
- 14 Above
- 15 Scaffold
- 17 Teutonic deity
- 18 Corded fabric
- 20 One who conducts persons to seats
- 21 Slender finial
- 22 To slip
- 24 Adage
- 25 Entreaty
- 28 Mount on which Noah landed the ark
- 29 Package
- 30 Mohammedan governor
- 30 Hindu garden
- 31 On top of
- 31 Slender sewing-needle
- 34 Small valley
- 35 Meadow
- 36 River in Belgium
- 38 Ethiopian title

VERTICAL

- 1 Urges
- 2 City in Kansas
- 3 Mulberry
- 4 Pocketbook
- 5 Son of Isaac
- 6 Dutch colonialist in South Africa
- 7 Conjunction
- 8 Four
- 9 Wigwag (var.)
- 10 Country in Asia
- 12 Light-horse trooper
- 13 To masticate
- 16 Mountain pass
- 19 Brigands
- 21 Oval
- 23 Friend of Pythias
- 25 To evade
- 27 To tear
- 28 Cry of sheep
- 30 Plain in Palestine
- 31 Mountain range between Turkey and Mongolia
- 32 To burn
- 33 Mother of Dionysius
- 34 Pasture
- 35 Italian coins
- 37 Sovereign
- 38 Doctile
- 40 Egyptian title
- 43 Obtained
- 44 Elongated fish
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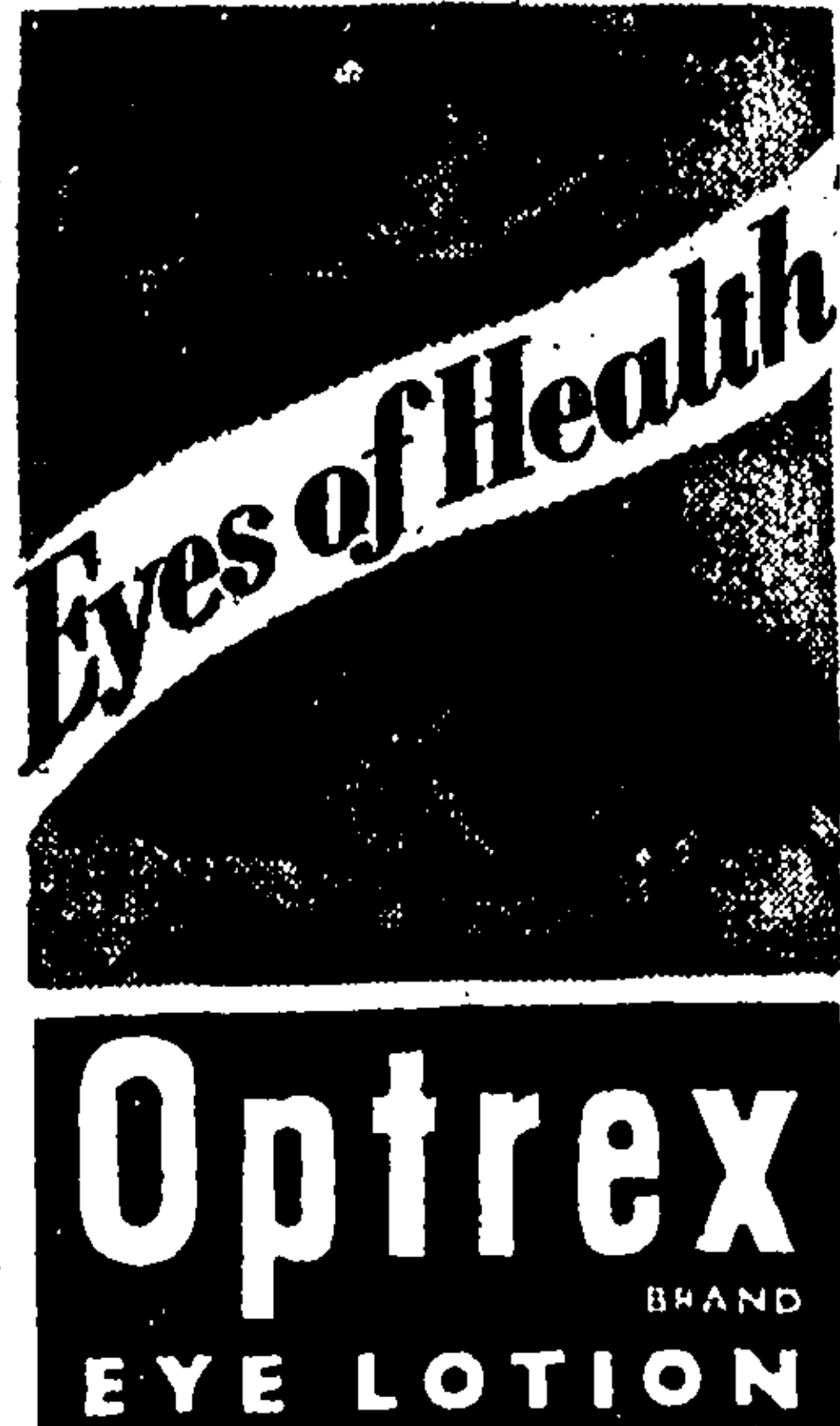
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18, HE LED ENEMY TO THE NAVY

RUNNING A FLAG up and down the mast of a defenceless fishing boat, a one-armed boy aged eighteen lured a squadron of German bombers to destruction by the guns of the Navy.

Hero is Jimmy Travers, of Torquay, whose father Morton Travers, is skipper of the fishing boat, has sailed six times round the world, and has been shipwrecked five times.

The Germans were attacking a warship, but they left her when they spotted the decoy. In a gale they chased the little ship mile after mile — showering bombs all around her, but never hitting — till it was too late to dodge the waiting Navy.

The fishing boat had escaped from France.

Told to raise a crew and take the boat over at an English port, Travers found his men within an hour.

Three of them were boys of eighteen. There was an engineer, a chef, a mechanic and French officers in the engine room.

When they put out they quickly ran into a seventy-eight-knot gale.

Big Seas Saved Her

"We spotted the bombers and the attacked warship two hours out," Skipper Travers told a reporter. "We steamed as close as we could and then I ordered the French Tricolour to the masthead. Jimmie kept running it up and down till the bombers spotted us."

"They came after us, but the heavy seas which we had cursed came to our rescue, the breakers washing over the ship and acting as camouflage. And they were scared to fly too low, afraid that we might be a heavily-armed decoy. We hadn't a pistol on board!"

"Their bombs were dropping wide and there were other things to worry about. I sighted a huge roller ahead and as it swept over us I gave up all hope of getting through."

"That very moment the Jerries dropped eight bombs, the ship lurched and seemed to shoot out of the sea. Then I saw the sky again and knew that we were safe."

"The bombs had dropped so close that the force of their explosion had lifted us out of danger."

Not One Escaped

"But the Nazis had followed us too far. The Navy was waiting for them and I was told that not one of them was allowed to escape."

"Sixteen hours after putting to sea we reached our destination, everything adrift, the galley knee deep in water, the crew dog tired but happy. They even fell asleep over their food."

GERMAN EXPECTED DEATH

Hearing someone banging at his door and calling out in a foreign language Mr. Sidney Wrinch, of Erwardon, Suffolk, grabbed a shotgun and went to the door. Outside he found a Nazi airman, apparently an officer, covered with mud from head to foot.

"He appeared to be asking if he was in Holland," said Mr. Wrinch. "When I told him he was in England he looked very dejected, gave a cry of despair, and drew one hand across his throat."

As the Nazi did not speak English it took Mr. Wrinch and his family an hour to persuade him that they were not going to kill him.

One Nazi airman is still at large. He knocked on the door of a station-master's house early in the morning. The station-master's wife called her husband. Hearing the man cry, "Wait until I get my gun," the Nazi made off and has not been seen since.

MINISTER SAYS 'RAZE CITIES'

We should give the Nazis fair warning that we are going to raze a good many of their cities to the ground, Dr. John Short, minister of Richmond Hill Congregational Church, Bournemouth, told a church meeting.

"I think it could be justified on Christian grounds," he said. He urged retaliation for German bombing of non-military objectives and the machine-gunning of civilians.

"The time has come," he said, "when with our strength we should teach these bullies a lesson which will make them stop their terrorism in our midst."

"I don't think that it weakens a nation to stand up to bullies. I think it is bad psychology on the part of our statesmen to say, 'We shall not retaliate.'"

"The Nazi mentality will take advantage of our Christian scruples. The more I hear of women and children being mangled the more I feel this."

THE R.A.F. DROPS A BRICK

WHEN BRITISH airmen bomb Berlin they almost invariably take with them their own missiles in addition to their load of bombs.

This "private war" which R.A.F. men carry on against the German capital was revealed by Squadron Leader R. Collard, a Kent man who has twice raided Berlin.

"When we go there," he said, "the tendency is for members of the crew to take other things with them besides bombs."

"The tail gunner, for instance, usually takes a brick with him with something like 'With love from Harry' written on it."

"Sometimes they take a little incendiary bomb of their own."

On his first flight to Berlin, Squadron Leader Collard found the city covered by clouds, so he bombed a target elsewhere. On his second trip, when he started from Britain at 11 p.m. and got back at 7 a.m. he was able to unload on the target in the German capital.

Berlin Was Blazing

"The Hun's heavy flak was extremely accurate," he went on. "We started to scull around for some time, finding the target. Berlin is almost ringed round by lakes and canals, and if there is a bit of moon it is easy to pick up the lakes."

"We found our target area and dropped our bombs. As we went away the flak reached its worst, but we set course for home all right."

"Looking back we could see two or three quite gratifying fires. Berlin was blazing pretty nicely that night. I can assure you."

"Senile" At 29

Squadron-Leader Collard explained that R.A.F. machines took different routes to Berlin, and said: "Do not get the idea that bombing Berlin is a hell of a show. It is a routine job now."

He described the bombing of the invasion ports as "very nice trips."

Squadron-Leader Collard is twenty-nine.

"I am reckoned to be pretty well senile in flying circles, and looked upon as having one foot in the grave," he said.

"My front gunner, a sergeant, is nineteen. The second pilot, an officer of the Volunteer Reserve, is quite a well-known racing motorist in civil life."

"The navigator was a chemist in Leeds before he joined."

"The wireless operator is a Scotsman and one of the most imperturbable men I have ever met."

"On the way out during a long bombing trip there is very little for the wireless operator to do, and this one in my machine reads thrillers."

"When we get over the target he usually opens the hatchway for a moment and looks at the 'flak' and then goes back to his book."

From Another World

"The rear-gunner is an officer, and I take my hat off to rear-gunners in general, for it must be a dog's life sitting at the back all alone."

"Mine is thirty. He, too, is most imperturbable. I have never known the calm inflection of his voice to alter even at the most exciting moments when we are over a hot spot."

"To hear his voice coming from the back in such circumstances is like hearing a voice from another world."

24 SAVED BY 'PLANES AT SEA

Twenty-four survivors of a British ship have been rescued through the help of three Blenheim's of the Coastal Command after being adrift for nine hours.

The Blenheims were patrolling when the pilots saw a white speck fluttering on the water. Investigating, they found a raft and several floats filled with men. One man had a white rag, which he was waving vigorously.

Two of the Blenheims remained circling over the men while the third, after dropping its own dinghy near the raft, sped back to its base to report.

Soon high-speed motor-boats came out to the rescue.

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EMPIRE WAR PLANS

It is not surprising that both in the Dominions and in our own country suggestions should have been made for the establishment of an Imperial War Cabinet. Every part of the Empire is far more deeply affected by the course and the issue of the present struggle than by that of 1914-1918. Empire contributions to the war effort come from largely increased resources and are much greater now than they were then. The year 1917 gave a memorable precedent for the meeting of an Imperial War Cabinet which added to the British members the Prime Ministers of nearly all the Dominions, and concurrently with it an Imperial War Conference was in session. Let us remark, however, that in 1940 no proposal for an Imperial Cabinet has emanated from authoritative sources in any of the Dominions.

At the end of 1916 Mr. Lloyd George told the House of Commons that "the time had come when the Dominions ought to be more formally consulted as to the progress and course of the war," and this was the reason for the summoning of the Imperial Conference and Cabinet. We live now in a different world. The Dominions have a new status of full and free equality in the British Commonwealth of Nations. From the beginning of the struggle with Nazism they have been in the closest contact with the Government here. The Secretary for the Dominions meets the Dominion High Commissioners daily, and the High Commissioners have weekly conferences of their own to correlate the policies of their own countries. The Prime Minister also keeps in touch with the Prime Ministers of the Dominions and they with one another. Such a system would hardly be improved by the formation of an Imperial War Cabinet in 1917 there was considerable difficulty in securing the presence of all the Dominion Premiers, and when they did reach London they could only stay for 14 meetings. The objections to their absence from the strenuous activities of their home lands would be much greater now.

Organisation of the Empire for war is already in an advanced state. The promises of Australia and Canada, typical of the other Dominions and Colonies and territories, for "an all-in war effort" and for "the maximum effort which is physically possible" are well on the way to fulfillment. Rapidly growing industrial resources have enabled the Dominions to add invaluable contributions of all kinds to the splendid reinforcements of man power and the wealth of raw materials which they send us. The Empire Air Plan, which has its home in Canada, is one of the most conspicuous examples of the cooperation of the whole British Commonwealth. As the chief link between us and the Western Hemisphere Canada has been of the greatest assistance in working out Empire policy. On the other side of the globe fuller mobilisation of the economic and industrial resources of the southern and eastern Empire lands will be developed in the conference at Delhi at which India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and African and Asian colonies are represented. With such proof of effectual consultation for the expansion of a united war effort there seems little reason to desire an Imperial War Cabinet. Perhaps we should rather say that such a Cabinet is actually, though not formally, in being by the association of Ministers in Whitehall with Ministers overseas, in complete unison of purpose and determination so to order their national affairs as to deploy for the battle of the Empire of Freedom every unit of power which their countries can develop.

In his chapter on war propaganda, one of the most famous and self-revealing sections of "Mein Kampf," Hitler declares that "the receptive powers of the masses are very restricted, their understanding feeble, their forgetfulness, on the other hand, vast."

The German people the predestined lords of creation, notoriously exhibits all these qualities to a degree which puts it in a class by itself, and no less pre-eminently in its own class stands Hitler's ability in exploiting them for his own purposes.

An instructive demonstration of his talents in this direction is being forced upon him by the necessity of explaining why the promised invasion of Britain is failing week after week to materialise. It has begun to take no less a form than the "debunking" of his own much vaunted patent and monopoly, the blitzkrieg.

★ Breaking War Speed Records

An example of this somewhat surprising departure was a recent broadcast in German from the Zeesen radio station in which, with reference to the invasion, it was asserted that "the period may be short or long, for, although the whole world associates Germany with the blitzkrieg, she is not anxious to break war speed records."

Now in the past blitzkrieg has always been understood to mean precisely the "breaking of war speed records." There is, in fact, no other meaning it can bear, and if Hitler is now trying to persuade the German people that it means anything else he must be relying for success on that "feebleness" of his countrymen's understanding which has served him so well in so many other respects.

In any case it must need an exceptional draft on the "forgetfulness" of the German masses to pretend that Germany "is not anxious to break war speed records." So long as she was in fact breaking them there were the most abundant evidences both of her satisfaction in achieving them and of her desire to go on achieving more.

★ Zero Hour That Has Tarried

After the campaigns in Poland and in Holland, Belgium and France exultation was at least as great over the speed as over the magnitude of the victories. Not only so, but after the fall of France there was any amount of boasting that the last and greatest of the war speed records was about to be accomplished before the eyes of an awestruck world.

On June 20, for example, two days prior to the French armistice, the "Deutschlandsender" announced that "in a few weeks England will lie on the ground as broken as France is now." On June 24 the Transoceanic News Cable proclaimed that "danger exists for England in that the Fleet remains blocked in its ports, and that naval war will not develop owing to the rapidity of the German action."

The statement that the British Fleet remained locked in its ports was hardly confirmed when, on July 3, the powerful French flotilla at Oran was engaged and put out of action. Propagation of the belief that invasion was imminent nevertheless continued unabated.

Bremen radio, for example, on July 10 declared that "the British Government of 1801 took the matter more seriously than the British Government appears to do now, although the menace at that time could not in any way bear comparison with the menace of to-day."

Five days later Zeesen radio told the German people that "although the exact minute of the attack is known only to the Fue-

Piping Down On Blitzkrieg Boastings

Hitler's Inventors of Illusions and Their Present Anxiety to Explain Things Away

By J. C. Johnstone

Herer, it is generally felt that there are only a few moments to go. Several months have passed, and to-day, in January, 1941, there is still no attempt to "leap the ditch."

There followed, on July 19, Hitler's Reichstag speech, with his "last appeal to reason," which was received in Britain with appropriate contempt. The sort of thing that was being written in the latter part of the month is typified in the opening words of an article on the New Order which appeared in the official Stuttgart organ of the Nazi party on July 28:

The peoples of the earth (we read) are still holding their breath and awaiting the annihilating blow which Germany will launch against the British Isles now that the money-bag tyrants, in their hypocrisy and criminal obstinacy, have rejected the Fuehrer's magnanimous peace offer. After the new Reich's demonstration of its armed might England will not get another chance.

★ Britain Blind To Her Doom

Her isolation, it was boasted, was no longer "splendid" but "hopeless," and "approaching doom" was the characteristic headline of the day.

No doubt at all can exist that the heavy air attacks against this country inaugurated on Aug. 11 and continued ever since were intended as the prelude to an early invasion. Nor can there be any doubt that at that time the German High Command was expecting to make a spectacular ad-

dition to its already impressive list of "war speed records" by the rapidity with which it would assert the mastery of the British skies.

What they actually got was a record in the speed of their own disillusionment. The wireless stations began piping down somewhat on their prophecies of invasion, but the Press remained confident as ever. Thus we find Theodor Seibert, a former well-known correspondent in London, writing in the "Voelkischer Beobachter" on Sept. 1 as though the smash-up of Britain were already a fait accompli.

"England," he said, "is like a suicide who has repeatedly pushed away the lifebelt when it was thrown to him, and who now, every time his head emerges above the waves, shouts filthy oaths at his rescuer. Never has a great Empire found its end in so crazy a melodrama, destitute of all greatness."

★ The Intoxication Of Success

Even as late as Sept. 19 there appeared in the Muenchner Illustrierte Presse the following caption to a picture of a British sard-bag redoubt on the Channel coast: "Reminiscent of the primitive structures of early 1915: can this stop an army for which even a Maginot Line presented no obstacle?" The page on which this appeared was entitled "General Bluff's Picture File."

In retrospect it looks very much as if Hitler allowed intoxication with his French successes to cloud his judgment; for in putting out

his over-confident propaganda about the invasion of Britain he violated one of his own fundamental canons of good war propaganda. In the aforementioned chapter of "Mein Kampf" he says you should never encourage your own side to under-estimate the enemy since a resulting disillusion may endanger its morale.

German propaganda in the last war, he avers, was guilty of this error to such a degree that "in the end Germans turned down everything they were told by their own side as 'swindle' and 'rot.'" Thus, he goes on, "German propaganda afforded us an incomparable example of how the work of 'enlightenment' should not be done."

It is not, of course, falsehoods as such that Hitler condemns, but falsehoods that are liable to be found out. So tight are his precautions against leakages of news into Germany from the outside world that his daily budget of lies is almost completely proof against detection except by the minority which takes the risk of illegally listening in to foreign stations.

★ Fuehrer's Haunted Dreams

But after all his strictures in "Mein Kampf," it is amusing to see his own propaganda machine struggling to escape from the toils of its false "enlightenment" in such matters as the invasion and the vaunted immunity from air attack. Is it altogether fanciful to imagine him just now beginning to be haunted in his dreams by those fearful cries of "swindle" and "rot"?

As the whole non-Axis world knows, it is the men of our Fighter Command who have so grievously disarrayed his invasion plans, and it is from our point of view profoundly satisfactory to note the accumulating evidences of the disarray. Yet far be it from us to fall into the opposite error of assuming too readily that the invasion is "off." The half-million troops whom Mr. Churchill tells us Hitler has ready to throw on to, or into, the sea any night are not there for nothing, nor are they a mere General Bluff's armada.

Nothing would please Hitler more than to see us relaxing our vigilance in the comfortable assurance that the danger has passed. For all we know he may be awaiting the long nights and the autumn mists to take his chance, especially if he thinks he can catch us off our guard.

★ Invincibility A Lost Legend

It is one of the supreme merits of Mr. Churchill's methods that he never hesitates to tell us unpleasant truths and never encourages a false sense of security. It is likewise a tribute to our national character and institutions that we prefer a leader who openly acknowledges that he has "nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat" rather than one who flatters us with a facile but deceptive optimism.

For all the sheepish docility of the German people Hitler dare not address them in the terms just quoted. He has always to be offering them the contents of the cornucopia, and to be making them believe that new victories and greater glories are just round the corner.

His nimbus of invincibility has become the most important part of his political stock-in-trade, and though it is not yet by any means dissolved it has undeniably lost some of the fleecy gilt which appeared to adorn it in June. He is discovering, in fact, that invincibility can have its nemesis as well as its nimbus.

"It Must Feel Swell To Be British"

I have been sitting back to meditate awhile after receiving a letter from my American cousin. It has taken me some moments to recover my balance; for it rather took my breath away.

"Your R.A.F. is superb in performance and behaviour," "All America is crazy about your Navy," "It must feel swell to

By M. Watson

be British..." and a great deal more. My correspondent has the all-in enthusiasms of youth.

After a while I remember his earlier letters. The first, one, written on the declaration of war, amounted to a three-page lecture upon the errors of Versailles. Not a severe lecture, written more in sorrow than in anger. I remember I replied: meekly, admitting that Britain was not blameless. But, without comment, I tucked into the envelope cuttings I had preserved of excerpts from Lloyd George's defence of the Versailles Treaty.

We are not frequent correspondents; my cousin and I. The next letter came around Christmas time. There was strong sympathy in it for the Finns, and a veiled suggestion that they were a somewhat more spirited people than certain others engaged in the major war. There were a few compliments, however, especially about the battle of the River Plate. Otherwise, I gathered, the war was scarcely up to expectations.

I do not know what sort of Nazi propaganda was rife over there about that time, but my cousin was anxious to know if we were honestly fighting for democracy; could I assure him that no plutocratic strings were being pulled.

In March, when he wrote again, he reported that the Queen Elizabeth had reached New York and the Queen Mary had sailed from that port. So Britannia ruled the waves. But why were we so silent and secretive about everything? The ordinary American could not make head or tail of us. But they believed we were up to some deep laid schemes.

At the end of June came anxious commiserations, mention of food parcels, the offer of a home at the risk of crossing the Atlantic. He added, "If two cannot do it, can one?"

In his anxiety he wrote more frequently. By the end of July he talked of Britain being the American front line. He talked of coming over to don the kilt (he is of Scottish descent). Somehow our stock was rising—mainly because what news did come from Britain had proved to be all that could be believed.

August brought "the scores." That month's letter, just received, thickets for granted that Britain is winning, and, furthermore, that Britain is the spearhead of democracy. And so, on the heels of the anniversary of the war, I read not a lecture about Versailles but "It must feel swell to be British."

Yes, I agree; it does.

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AN ITALIAN AERODROME 30 miles beyond Tobruk has been taken by our forces, while the Italians have lost two posts in Abyssinia, one being taken by Abyssinian patriots, the other by a British patrol.

A Cairo communique says that the Abyssinians have driven the Italians out of Guba while British forces have taken an enemy post north-east of Kassala, on the Sudan frontier. British troops have reached Gazala, 30 to 40 miles beyond Tobruk and captured the aerodrome.

The communique's mention of the Abyssinian patriots is the first time they have been officially mentioned since anti-Italian activity on a wide scale started in that country when Italy entered the war.

Guerilla Bands

Supported by the R.A.F., the Abyssinians forced the Italians to evacuate Guba and are now closing in around the fleeing Italians.

News of the flight of the Italians is bound to put fresh heart into the patriotic guerrilla bands which have already done quite a bit against the Italians, for there have been reports of attacks on transports, raids on posts and the disruption of communications whenever possible.

"Patrol activity on the Sudan" has been mentioned quite frequently of late in official communique, and this activity has led to an attack on an enemy post north-east of Kassala. The Italians have evacuated from the post, which has been occupied by our own troops.

G.H.Q. Cairo announces that while preparations for the reduction of Tobruk are proceeding, our mechanised troops are now operating west of Tobruk.

More Explicit

An R.A.F. communique is a bit more explicit, and says that operations have now been extended as far as Gazala, on the coast over 30 miles beyond Tobruk, and that the aerodrome there has been occupied by our forces.

As in the case of Bardia, where 40 Italian planes were found on the ground, 35 Italian planes, in an unserviceable condition as a result of R.A.F. raids, were found on the field. The R.A.F. also reports that the weakness of the Italian air opposition in the Western Desert

operations has been largely due to our raids on their aerodromes. The Italians tried to make a fight for it on Sunday, just before Bardia fell.

R.A.F. squadrons and an Australian squadron welcomed the challenge and shot down 19 enemy planes. We lost one fighter and one bomber. — Reuter.

POLES PREFERRED TO BOMB GERMANY

Three Polish pilots undergoing training "somewhere in England" were instructed to make a trial flight and to bomb a certain point in that area.

They duly took off, but nothing was heard of them for several hours. When they returned they reported that they had flown to Germany and discharged their cargo of bombs there.

The story of this exploit was related by Polish circles in London.

LORD HALIFAX ON HIS TASK IN WASHINGTON

LORD HALIFAX, speaking at the Pilgrims Club luncheon in London yesterday, said he could claim none of the special qualifications of personal experience of the United States which had made Lord Lothian an ideal Ambassador, but on the other hand, he thought there was no precedent for the advantage he enjoyed in passing directly from the counsels of the War Cabinet and the chair of Foreign Secretary to represent Britain at Washington.

Referring to this point, the Prime Minister said he hoped that Lord Halifax, when he returned to London at any time for consultation, would resume full functions as a Minister of the Crown.

Lord Halifax continued: "My duty, as I see it, will not be confined to the business of one-way traffic in thought by interpretation of the United States to the British Government and people. Not less vital is the translation of British thoughts and purpose to the Government and peoples of the United States. Even's have indeed spoken more loudly than any words and have had the effect both of making the attitude of our people unmistakably plain and of bringing to the people of the United States the same awakening to the full significance of this struggle.

"Three things are necessary for victory — a good cause, material strength to support it and people with a spirit not unworthy of it. As to the first the issues have been restated with penetrating simplicity by President Roosevelt.

Penetrating Simplicity

As regards material, apart from steady development in this country and in all parts of the Empire we are able to count on the increasingly massive industrial strength of the United States, the value of which it is impossible to over-estimate.

Of the spirit of our people it is hardly necessary to speak. Lord Halifax concluded: "There is no hope for a free civilisation unless the foundations of its life, now challeng-

ed, can be secured. We are encouraged by the knowledge that the will to resist this German attempt to secure world domination is as strong on the other side of the Atlantic as here, and we do not doubt that achievement of our purpose is within the power of the English-speaking peoples." — British Wire- less.

HE RECEIVED V.C. AT KING'S BEDSIDE

Mr. Oliver Brooks, fifty-one, who won the V.C. for a daring bombing exploit against enemy trenches at Loos in 1915, has died at Windsor.

He was then a sergeant in the Coldstream Guards and received his V.C. kneeling at the bedside of King George V, who was travelling across France in a hospital train after a fall from his horse.

RUMANIAN CHILDREN TO LINE UP

The Cross Brotherhood of Rumania—the legionary youth organisation—has been ordered by Horia Sima, the Iron Guard leader and vice-Premier, to organise Rumanian youth between the ages of ten and eighteen, according to the official German news

WAR RATIONS FROGS

Because of the scarcity of frogs and toads, medical courses at Universities will have to be reorganised and text books rewritten.

Severe weather last winter killed off thousands of frogs and toads.

Supplies from the Continent are now cut off.

More than 150,000 frogs a year finish their careers on dissection tables.

"Frogs play a very important part in this study," the head of the zoological department of a Manchester school told a reporter. "Dissecting them teaches medical students the structure of muscles, heart and nerves.

"Vast numbers of them were imported from France, Belgium and Holland before the war. So were salamanders which made admirable substitutes. These, too, are now unobtainable."

If you find a frog in your back garden, catch it and sell it to a university or school. You will receive 4d.

13,000 TRAIN IN CANADA FOR BLITZ

ABOVE FORTY centres stretched across Canada thousands of young Empire flyers are rehearsing Hitler's funeral dirge. Every day this dirge, played by engines of giant bombers, becomes louder and increasingly ominous as more and more young men take to the skies.

It will not be so long now before these young men, who are products of the Commonwealth air training scheme, are pouring across the Atlantic to give Hitler and his Huns the blitzkrieg that will end all blitzkriegs.

After painstaking investigation of this training plan and of other war activities in Canada, I can say with certainty that if Hitler knew what's coming to him he would go crazy at the very thought of it, and Goering would shiver himself into a skeleton.

There will eventually be eighty-three schools in the Commonwealth plan. With incredible speed aerodromes for these are already almost completed. The censor will not permit me to describe the full details of the plan of operation which will precede Hitler's funeral, but come with me to a typical training school where I write this.

Their Own Theatre

After being challenged by sentries and having our credentials studiously examined, we enter a miniature city where hundreds of young Canadians, Britons, Australians, all budding aces, are receiving their training with many officers, instructors and mechanics helping them.

The city has its own magazine, edited by English born Corporal William Shaw. It has its own orchestra, own theatre. Shaw is busy compiling a little dictionary to ease the language difficulties between Australian and Canadian cadets. For example, he translates the Australian expression "cuckoo" as "plain nuts."

One of the first men we meet is James Cole, of Runtun, Norfolk, here with twenty other British cadets.

Cole says: "Tell them in England our training here is magnificent. Canadians are kindness itself. They've done every thing possible to make us happy. Nothing has been too good for us. But I want to get back to England because I'm anxious to see action."

Thousands Of Pupils

Among other Britons I met was Stephen Appleby, who forsook a successful career on the New York stage to come to Canada and enlist.

Operated by a staff of over 16,500, the Commonwealth plan

is now training over 5,500 pupils as pilots, observers or gunners, while 7,500 are training as mechanics, service and maintenance men.

Within a few weeks the total in training will rise to 15,000.

And, Mister Hitler, this is only a beginning. When this scheme is operating fully it will be producing about 25,000 annually.

WARNED OF RED CAUTION

Warning to the Turkish people not to expect any dramatic move by Moscow was given in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus."

The editor who wrote this seemingly inspired article referred to two recent denials from Moscow.

The first contradicted a report that Russia favoured a grouping of Britain, Turkey, the Soviet Union, Greece and Yugoslavia. The second denied the German statement that Russia had been told in advance of the Nazi move into Rumania.

"There is no doubt that these denials, particularly the second open the way to fanciful forecasts," said "Ulus."

"The Soviet Union, in face of the struggle which threatens to become world-wide, is concerned only with her own interests."

In Ankara this article is regarded as an authoritative declaration that the Turks should not be too confident of Soviet aid should Turkey become involved in war.

BOMB-PROOF PANTS

From a house wrecked in a raid on the outskirts of London a bedstead was flung over another building and across two gardens. It landed on its legs, in a front garden—

With the bedclothes still in place and a pair of neatly-folded trousers still hanging over the back.

MINESWEEPING IS A CHANGE

AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN, CLIMBING OUT OF DEBRIS WHICH HAD SHOWERED OVER HIM IN A FASHIONABLE LONDON SUBURB, WAS APPROACHED BY A WARDEN.

They began to chat, and the American asked the warden if he ever became tired of his job.

"Sometimes," the warden replied, "but when I'm fed up a bit I get a few days off and go mine-sweeping."

This story is told by the Americans-in-Britain Outpost, in their current letter to America, as being typical of the "as yet unseen" heroes of the battle for London—the men and women of the Air Raid Precautions squads.

SHOT WOMAN: THREE DETAINED

Three men have been detained at Edmonton, London, N., in connection with the death of Miss Gwendoline Cox, aged forty, manageress of the off-licence attached to the Alexandra Park Tavern, High Road, Wood Green.

She was shot during an air raid while in charge of the off-licence.

While detectives were questioning the three men, Sir Bernard Spilsbury was making a post mortem examination of the body at Tottenham, where an inquest is to be held.

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and

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Special Managers for the Liquidators.

Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1941.

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LUCID BIDDING By The Four Aces

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South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 4 3
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ A J 3
♣ K 9 6 2

♠ K J 9 5
♥ 4 3
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ Q 7 3

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♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K 9 8 5
♦ K Q
♣ A J 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	6♥	Pass

Many players would have bid two hearts, or perhaps two clubs, instead of two no-trump at North's first opportunity; but two no-trump had the virtue of showing a fairly precise amount of strength scattered though at least three suits. South immediately decided to explore slam possibilities since his opening bid would have been sound even without any strength in the red suits. With two Kings and a Queen more than he needed for an opening bid, South was quite justified in hoping for more than game.

South's first step was to show the rather shabby heart suit; and North promptly and properly raised to game, thus showing four-card support. Thus far, South had found out about the heart fit but had not made and slam suggestion. That was done by means of the five-club bid; and North encouraged the slam by the control-showing bid of five diamonds. Now South bid five no-trump to indicate that his suits were not particularly long and that he was perfectly willing to let the hand play at no-trump if North had any doubts about the hearts.

North, of course, had no reason to shy away from the heart suit, so bid the slam in hearts. He had more than a minimum for his bidding up to that point; and his hand contained two Aces — a great help in the play of a slam.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you held:

♠ 6
♥ K J 7 5
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K Q 9 3

The bidding:

Schenker You Jacoby Burnstone
1♠ 1♥ 1♦ 1♣

ANSWER: Double. This is a pretty weak hand for a Takeout Double, but your distribution is good and you are unlikely to be badly hurt at your partner's best suit. If you pass, the chances are that your partner will be shut out of the bidding and the opponents will make a cheap game.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 610

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you hold:

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ Q 8
♣ J 10 8

The bidding:

Schenker Jacoby Moler You
1♠ 1♥ 1♦ 1♣
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's about ready to go for a skate he means he's out gunning for someone.

WALL FALLS ON RESCUERS

Ignoring a warning that a wall was likely to collapse, A.R.P. men dug under the wreckage of a bombed London tenement building to rescue a number of people who were trapped.

They had not been at work long before the wall did collapse and they were buried. They were soon dug out by their comrades, but several were seriously injured. Eighteen of the flat dwellers were also extricated, but some were dead.

Fire added to the difficulties of the rescue workers and it is thought that some people are still buried beneath the smoldering wreckage. There were about 150 people in the building, which was wrecked by a direct hit.

One woman, who was in an upper flat, was trapped under the roof when the building collapsed.

Family Trapped

Rescuers made a hole through the debris to her and got her safely out after two or three hours' work. She assisted by giving directions. She sent a message later to say she was O. K.

Rescue squads and members of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps were still at work trying to find a mother and her three children, named Chapman, who are thought to be trapped beneath the debris of another block of tenement flats.

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only people in the building, as all the other residents were sheltering.

Mrs. Chapman's husband, a dock worker, was on duty at the time.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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Tim is running three performances daily in the toy theatre he has inherited from his grandfather.

He takes one afternoon a week off. Then, crouched in the stalls of a real theatre, he watches his father, Harry Lockwood West, of the local repertory company.

Repeats it at Home

When father gets home, he hears his son's version of the play in which he has been acting. His role this time is to move the tiny figures on the stage as Tim directs.

Tim is more interested in stage management than acting. He has got the theatre electrician to install model lighting in his theatre, and he works the curtains himself.

He writes the programmes, takes the tickets, transforms himself into an orchestra by humming loudly in the intervals, and appears every now and then as the front-of-the-house manager.

When a reporter arrived to attend a performance, the only other members of the audience were Tim's sister Patricia, aged eighteen months, who was clapping loudly in the stalls, and his mother.

The show opened with the startling announcement: "The 2.30 matinee will be at 3."

He Warned Them

Tim added: "I am sorry to tell you that we have lost one of our principal actors owing to national service."

Air raids don't worry Tim. But as the sirens whined the curtains of his theatre dropped and a small tin figure was poked through them.

"You will be glad to know," said the manager's voice, "that there has been a warning. There are shelters at the back of the theatre. Our bedroom's all right and our play will go on."

RAID AID 'ON THE SPOT'

(By A Special Correspondent)
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If the bomb victims want advice they can ask one of the helpers.

Then the van will take them to a rest centre, where they can stay until new homes are found.

DIPLOMATS OF THE FUTURE

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour, revealed at the Trades Union Congress meeting in Southport that he was working to secure that after the war entry to the Diplomatic Service would be open to all classes of the community.

"There has been established, I think for the first time, a very close liaison between the Ministry of Labour and the Foreign Office," he said. "Its object is to get the Diplomatic Service in the future to move and have its being in a new environment and to recognise that the limited Court Circular society of the Chancelleries will never return."

"But if there is to be a reconstructed world it must be brought about by harnessing, utilising and catering for the rising masses of Labour to whom the future really belongs and who must be the dominant factor in the new democratic world."

"To this end there must be a broadening of the curriculum and a right of entry into the Diplomatic Service. If a boy from a secondary school can save us in a Spitfire the same brain can be turned on to produce a new world."

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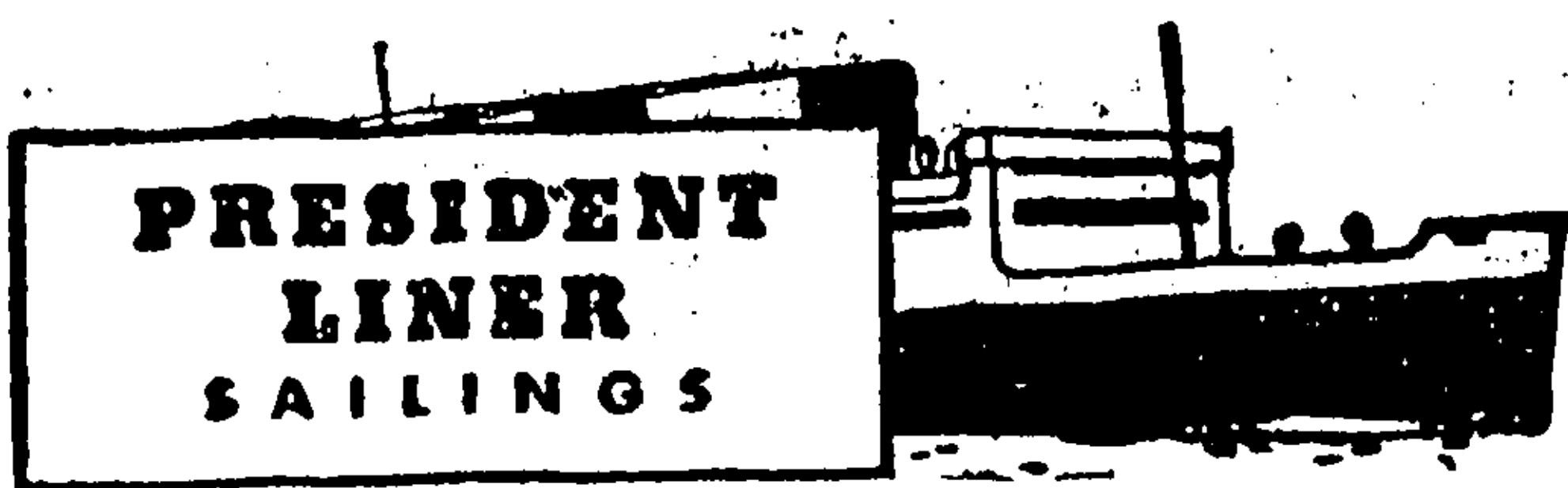
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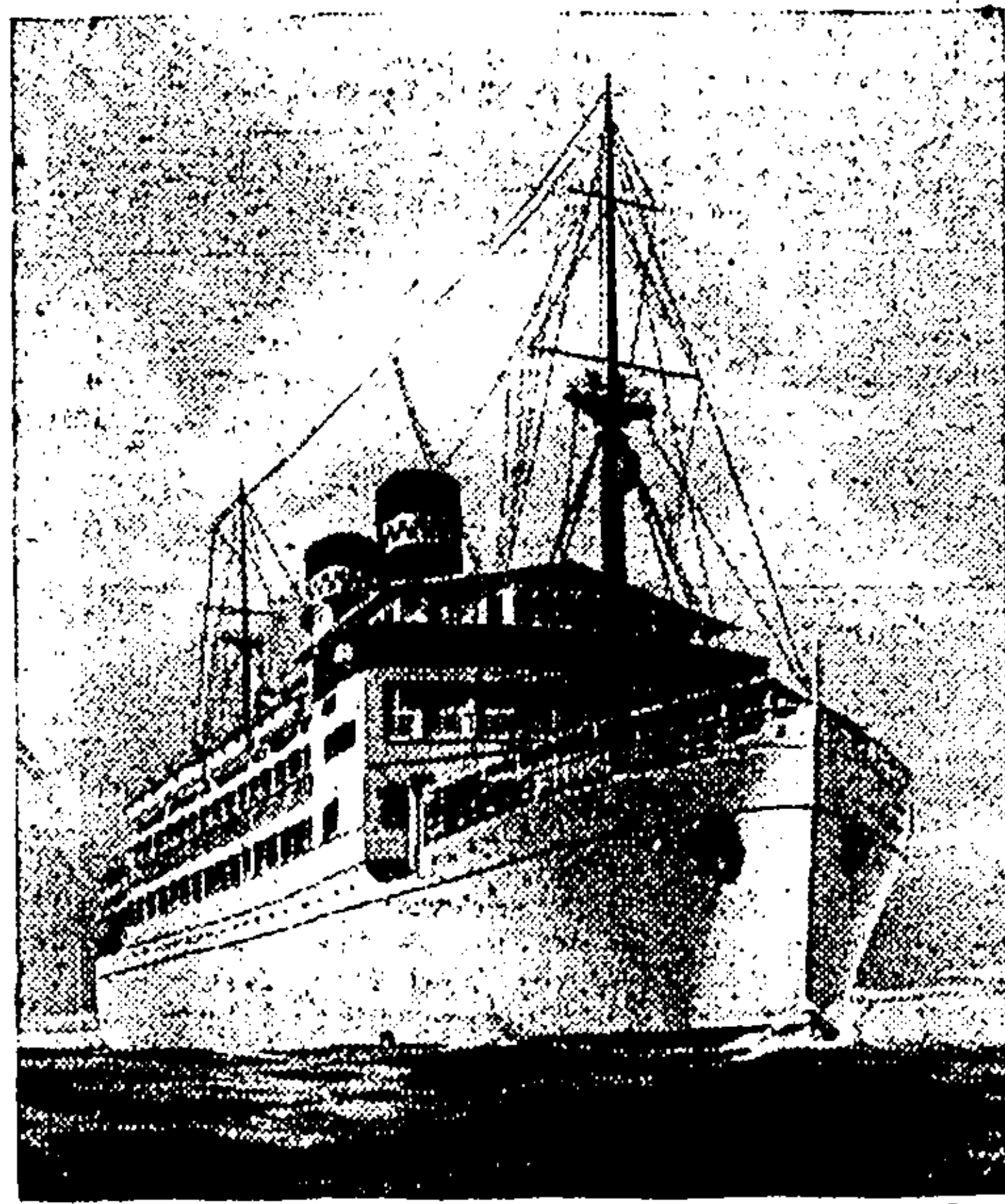
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1.03 p.m.—Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dellus—Sonata No. 2.

2.00 p.m.—Songs by Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Dennis Noble (Baritone).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Concert by Mischa Levitzki (Piano) and Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Experiment'. A Play by Mary Lockington.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Weber.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Theatreland'.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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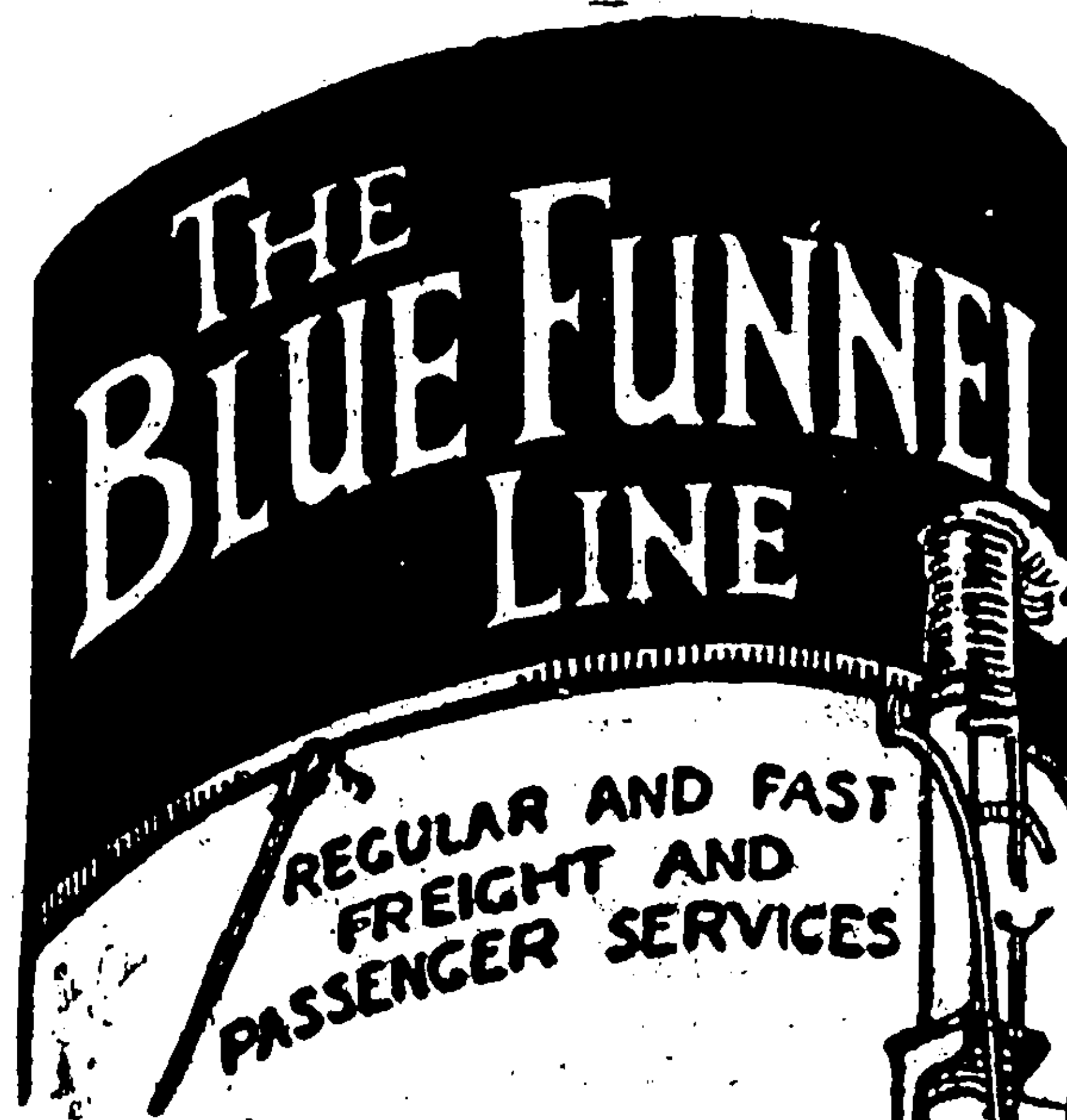
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T. I. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	1	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplavannar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	3	0
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L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	3	2	0
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	P	L	W
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	6	0	8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	1	6
E. P. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	6	1	6
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	1	5
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	6	1	5
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	6	1	5
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	9	4	5
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	9	4	5
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	9	4	5
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	6
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	7
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	3	0	7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	7
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	3	0	7
V. D. Bright and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	3	0	7
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	7
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	0	3
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E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
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Notable Badminton Results In Course Of The Week

University Certainties For Senior League

Grand Win Scored By King's College

By "Adrem"

SEVERAL NOTABLE results have been returned in League Badminton matches during the week, chief being the crushing defeat of Club de Recreio at the hands of the champions, University.

In this particular case it is not so much the fact that Recreio were beaten but rather the margin by which University accomplished the result.

University, in recent years, have consistently had the better of Recreio, although it was not such a long time ago that a meeting between the two teams was always a highlight of any season, a narrow margin invariably separating the two.

Nowadays, however, although the personnel of the two clubs is materially the same, the disparity in standards has become more and more apparent as University have progressively improved and Recreio have just as steadily slipped.

Colony's Best Player

K. W. Choy created a big impression at the Portuguese club on Monday and general opinion now ranks him the best in the Colony—rumour has it that he is capable of owing Hui, former triple champion of the Colony, some five aces in each game.

The fact that he partners C. K. Lee, a good enough player but still probably the least expert of the six players in the side, and has not yet dropped a game, speaks much for his capabilities.

On paper the strongest combination in the team, Hui and Chew had to struggle hard in two of their games and, on the evening's showing, were rather fortunate to emerge with an unbeaten record. When Hui, however, gets back to fighting form, this pair should do better.

One of the most pleasing features

from the Recreio point of view was the promising form shown by A. M. Rodrigues, whose medical duties prevented him from playing very often in the League last season or even securing much practice. On the face of the fact that he and Oliveira very nearly beat Chew and Hui, it would appear that Oliveira had played brilliantly. This I learn was far from the case and I am told that Oliveira actually had a sorry evening and was never able to give of his best.

Remedios and young Gonsalves did as well as could be expected and with more practice may yet develop into a useful combination. Carvalho and Silva gave the impression that they could do with a good deal more practice, while they would also be advised to make some effort to work up an understanding.

Thus early it is apparent that University are certain to win the League and chief interest in the future will be centred on the meetings between Recreio and Chinese Y.M.C.A., on which will depend the runners-up position.

Good Win

Big result in Wednesday's "B" Division matches was the defeat of Chung Wah by King's College. More meritorious is King's victory as one of their players K. H. Lo, was suffering from a leg injury and was practically a passenger, as is illustrated by the fact that he and Lam, who should have been good for one, if not two games, failed in all three, leaving a big burden for the other two pairs to carry. This they did with great credit, Chan and Chung winning all three, and Woo and Liu two.

Chung Wah were disappointing but they should do better as they settle down and players such as Choy Wing-chiu get in more practice.

Notwithstanding a great effort by Bill Gillies, the former St. Andrew's player, and current Colony junior champion, who, with L. Gordon, won three games for Police, Kowloon Tong, who fielded a weak side, were able to win by 6-3. The suburban team, although indications at the beginning of the season pointed to them challenging strongly for the title, have been far from impressive to date and have lost one match, to Kowloon Cricket Club. Contrary to early reports, they have not received the support expected and unless they are considerably reinforced are not likely to do very much when they come up against the stronger teams.

Ko Fook-sing has not turned out for them as yet, however, while Peter Fletcher, who is on the convalescent list should soon be fit enough to play, thus strengthening the team a great deal.

Old Firm Again

It was again left to the veteran Fincher-Kew combination to achieve such success as was accomplished by St. Andrew's against their old rivals, St. John's. Fincher and Kew were the only pair to offer any real resistance although Pat White and Tomlinson did very well to carry Smith and Wong the whole distance.

St. John's did not have the services of Henry Eardley but Kennedy proved a worthy substitute. Maynard and Ladd also did well to win two games.

Recreio had little difficulty against Jewish Recreation Club and won for the loss of one game. Jack Odell and Dotkin were the most impressive of the visiting combinations and won the only game secured by the victors.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Royal Scots defeated Middlesex Regiment in the final game of their respective Small Units League by 9 points to 3.

Both sides played well, and the Middlesex were unlucky to lose, for they played a really fine game throughout.

The Royal Scots started off at a flying pace and kept up their pressure on the Middlesex's half, but they were unable to pierce the strong defence put up by Drum-Major Holdford and Pte. Thompson, who combined well together and were there when most urgently needed.

After 20 minutes' play the Scots scored a try through Marshall, but they failed to convert.

This lead was not held for long for Thompson scored the equaliser for the Middies, who also failed to convert.

Neither side scored again this half.

In the second half the Royal Scots pressed hard and play was mostly kept in the Middies' half, and the Scots went further ahead when Bateman scored a try, but again failed to convert, making the score six points to three.

Towards the end of the game Nealon added another three points to the Scots' score and the final whistle blew with the Royal Scots qualifying to play the Royal Engineers in the Final to be played at Sookunpoo on January 21.

The outstanding player was Marshall of the Royal Scots and it was mainly due to his efforts that the Middlesex attacks were ineffective. Bateman, Stephenson, and Nealon also played well.

For the Middlesex, L/Cpl. Radley, Pte. Thompson, Drum-Major Holdford, Capt. Man, and L/C. Wilson played strenuously throughout. The services of Lieut. Weedon were badly missed.

Both the Engineers and Royal Scots maintained 100 per cent record.

Here are the final placings in the Small Units Leagues.

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Royal Scots	4	4	0	0	8
Middlesex Regt.	4	2	1	1	5
5th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	4	2	1	1	5
Signals	4	0	1	3	1
R.A.S.C.	4	0	1	3	1

"B"

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
R. Engineers	3	3	0	0	6
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.	3	2	0	1	4
R.A.M.C.	3	1	0	2	2
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	3	0	0	3	0

RIFLE SHOOTING

LAST Sunday Royal Scots held a rifle shoot which was very successful.

The Middlesex did well in the team shoot by beating 12 other entries with a grand score of 329. Their team consisted of Bandmaster Kifford (83), C/Sgt. Hale (89), Sgt. Baker (81), and Bds. Bolam (76).

C/Sgt. Hale's 89 is one of the highest scores ever recorded with an open sight rifle at the Kowloon Rifle Ranges.

BILLIARDS

THE Finals of the Garrison Billiards and Snooker Tournaments will be held at the Soldiers' Club on the following dates—

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Garrison Challenge Cup—R.A.M.C.

v Corps of Military Police.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Soldiers' Club Tournament—H.K.

V.D. Corps v Royal Corps

Signals.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Individual Snooker Championship

—Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C. v

Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Individual Billiards Championship

—Sgt. M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C. v

Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

EXHIBITION MATCH

Garrison Billiards League

Champions will play H.K.V.D.

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mencing at 6 p.m.

At the conclusion of this match

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competition winners during the

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The following is the result of the semi-final match in the Soldiers' Club Tournament played between the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Royal Corps of Signals, which resulted in a win for the Signals.

R.A.P.C.	SIGNALS
S/Sgt. Carden 194	Sgt. Lilley 200
Sgt. Chalcraft 112	Sgt. Brackenbury 200
Sgt. Murray 200	Sgt. Hutchin-son 105
Cpt. Smart 116	Cpl. Blount 200*
S.S.M. Spiers 200	Sgt. Langley 178
Sgt. Adlam 180	Sgt. Pearson 200*
S/Sgt. James 200	L/Cpl. Pitcher 119
S/Sgt. Norrell 123	Sgt. Allen 200*

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* Breaks of twenty or over.

HOCKEY

AT Shamshulpo on Monday the 24th Hvy. Bty., R.A. defeated "B" Company of the Middlesex Regt. after extra time by 1-0 in the Small Units Hockey knockout competition.

Royal Air Force beat the R.A.M.C. also by 1-0 at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, and the 17th A.A. Bty., R.A. lost to the Royal Engineers by 2-5.

In the Large Units competition the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. beat the Royal Engineers by two goals to nil.

NAVY WITHOUT BEATTIE

Following will represent Royal Navy against Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to-morrow on the Police ground, Boundary Street, at 4 p.m., and also against Police in the Quadrangular Tournament match on Wednesday, January 15:

Lt. Morahan; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul and A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Lt. Carter (Capt.) and Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson, Sergeant Manfield; C.P.O. Wtr. King, L.A.C. Stockham; A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Eager and S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves—S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, L.S.A. Palmer, S/Lt. Carey and P.O. Wilson.

Changes in the unbeaten Navy side are Carter for O'Riordan at fly-half and Eager for Beattie in the back row of the pack.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday C. M. Sequeira beat L. Karpovich and D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Y. Birjukoff.

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Collins Replies To Aromin's Challenge

Willing And Eager For Bout Only A Question Of Satisfactory Terms

By "Adrem"

ARISING OUT OF A CHALLENGE FROM "YOUNG" AROMIN WHICH APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS LAST WEEK, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM LEN COLLINS YESTERDAY.

ENGLAND CAPTAIN KILLED

A famous England amateur captain, W. T. Whewell, was killed with his wife when their home received a direct hit in a recent air raid, writes a London correspondent.

If not the last of the Corinthians, Tommy Whewell was a very distinguished link-up with the grand old club which can never be replaced and whose passing, though inevitable, was such an irreparable blow to the game.

I would place Whewell among the best amateur centre-halves—close up to Max Woosnam and Bernard Joy.

His football was as forceful as Joy's. It was also intelligent and so constructive.

Pro. Clubs Wanted Him

Had the great professional clubs interested Tommy Whewell, he could have held his place in the best of them. There were many attempts to lure him permanently into the League game.

His wife was the sister of Jackie Burns, the famous Brentford half-back.

Both Burns and Whewell were schoolmasters. They made their debuts together against Wales in 1930, and after a run of nine games it was Burns who succeeded

Collins told me that he had been in the New Territories and had only heard of the challenge on his return to town. On being told that Aromin was anxious to meet him Collins said that he was only too willing to accommodate and would fight at any time and any place, providing suitable terms could be arranged.

"While I should be glad to meet Aromin," Collins told me, "I do not feel justified in risking my reputation for the paltry figure offered me by his manager, Mr. M. Stanley, when he approached me a few weeks ago. I was in Manila recently, when I had a further three fights, all of which I won, and in Manila they paid me extremely well. If a reasonable arrangement can be arrived at I should be willing to meet Aromin as soon as he likes, as I am in full training at the moment and have never been fitter in my life."

There has been so much talk of a fight between Aromin and Collins ever since they "sparred" at the Victoria Recreation Club gymnasium, that I am sure, if suitable supporting bouts could be arranged, a big gate would be attracted.

It might, therefore, be worth Mr. Stanley's while to offer Collins a percentage of the gate, if he does not feel inclined to risk guaranteeing a large fixed sum, as Collins told me that he would be willing to fight on that basis.

ed his brother-in-law as England's skipper.

I should say Whewell was easily the best product of Public School football since the last war.

I knew a player had arrived when I first saw him in the Varsity match of 1925—and his spectacular 40 yards range goal, so often quoted, was not the reason.

EFFECT OF BOMBS ON HOME SPORT

Frankenstein's night vandals have just missed a grandstand from which thousands cheered the most famous racehorses in the world.

It was the fourth visitation and the sum total of damage, apart from a Tote building, is not, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Actually the sport which carries most Hun trademarks up to now is golf. Racing comes next, greyhound racing third, and football fourth.

In racing circles they are not so much concerned with bombs as the immediate future of the sport.

For a while it looks as if fixtures may be kept to the North and Midlands. That is why I suggest that in arranging their big events in the South and at Newmarket the Jockey Club should at the same time fix alternative tracks and so avoid such disappointments as have set back trainers recently.

Stables May Move North

If racing is to be confined to the Midlands and North I can see some stables migrating up there from the South," says William Payne, who has some of the country's best jumpers at Burgh Heath.

The reason is one of expense. It cost less than £1 to take a horse to a London district racecourse from one of the local training centres, but Teddy Martin, the former trainer, once told me if he wanted to run a horse at Newmarket from his West-country stable he had to find about £25 in travel and hotel expenses.

A century and more ago the North was the senior partner, but it lost its training lead to Newmarket and the Salisbury Plain area, not to mention Epsom. It looks possible war circumstances may readjust the balance.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

Owing to the fact that the Tulsa Inter-Divisional Duck Pin matches occupied about 12 days to complete, there was not much opportunity of running off many Ten Pin Matches. However there were two good five-game Ten Pin matches played between the Tulsa Ten Pin Team and the Alley team. The first was played on December 27, and the second, a return match, on December 30.

The first match resulted in a win for the Alley Team by 186 pins, the scores being as follows:—

Alley Team	3017
Tulsa Team	2831

The scoring all round could not be the greatest stretch of imagination, be called brilliant, the highest score of the match being bagged by Watts for Alley Team with a mediocre 780. Watts was the only player to registered a 200 score, exactly 200 in his first game.

Second top score was made by A. Odell, for the Alley Team, a good 765.

Moore was top scorer for Tulsa with 759, but was not by any means at his best. The rest of the players averaged from 129 to 144, in fact the average per player per game for the Alley Team was only 150.8 pins per game, while the Tulsa was only 141 pins per game.

Return Match

The return match was played on December 30 and resulted in a remarkably close finish, actually one of the closest finishes ever seen in the Alleys, 6 pins only.

Tulsa Team	3030
Alley Team	3024

On this occasion the Tulsa were much better than in their last match, while the Alley Team were about the same. Hall for the Alley Team, was top scorer with a useful 806 and also netted the only score of 200, a good 205 in his fifth game.

Peterson, for Tulsa, with 799 and J. H. Watts for Alley Team with 798 almost tied for second highest score. Moore for Tulsa was third top scorer with 774, while the rest of the players averaged from 133 to 152.

Singles Handicap

First match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition took place on Saturday. It was between Signalmen Devlin of Royal Corps of Signals, and Devonshire of Middlesex Regiment. Devlin's handicap was plus 43 and Devonshire was plus 33. Devlin won very comfortably by 86 pins the scores being as follows:—

Devlin	480
Devonshire	394

I was rather surprised at Devonshire's poor effort as he was one of the best Ten Pin bowlers in the Alleys formerly, but owing to War duties etc., he has not been able to put in the necessary practice.

Good Start To 1941

The month of January 1941 has started off well, with Neate of Signals putting up a brilliant 150 at Duck Pins on January 1. To do this he had to make seven spares and a strike; this is good Duck Pin Bowling.

Corp. Blount did not wait until the 1941 year was far advanced to bag a brilliant 246, which he did on January 2. His score-sheet

shows that he started off with six strikes in a row, three spares, a strike on his 10th frame and a spare with the two extra balls. If he had made another strike on any of the spare frames, his score would have topped the 260 mark.

League Of Nations

There was rather a peculiar phenomenon in the Alleys the other evening. There were playing British, American and Portuguese naval men, and on two other Alleys there were some of the Free French Volunteers, who are staying in the Colony waiting for a ship to take them to Europe and the Near East to join Gen. de Gaulle's forces. There were also two Dutch and two Norwegian Merchant Service officers.

It was truly a unique sight, and I must give full credit to the British and American sailors, and also to members of the local military Garrisons, who were present, for the patient manner in which they all joined in to teach the French Volunteers and Portuguese sailors (who had never played the game before) the mysteries of the game.

The language difficulty was surmounted by sundry gesticulations, which seemed to be perfectly understood by all. At the close of their games the visitors expressed their deep appreciation of the efforts made by all in the Alleys to make them feel thoroughly at home.

Second Match

The second match in the Singles handicap Competition was played off on January 6, between L/Cpl. J. Gracie of Royal Scots and Signalmen S. H. Neate of Royal Corps of Signals. Gracie's handicap was plus 36 and Neate's plus 40. The result was a very close win for Gracie by 29 pins, including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—

J. Gracie (plus 36)	438
S. H. Neate (plus 40)	409

The third match of the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition was played on Tuesday, between Doc Molthen, whose handicap was plus 17, and Private McCullum of the Royal Scots, whose handicap was plus 43. McCullum won by 35 pins, the scores being as follows:—

Pte. McCullum (plus 43)	568
Doc Molthen (plus 17)	533

Although Molthen is one of the finest and most experienced bowlers in the Alleys, it was the general opinion of all bowling fans that he would have his work cut out to defeat McCullum, who is practically a new bowler in the Alleys, never having played in a match game before, but who has lately been playing good Ten Pins in ordinary games, scoring several 200s.

Molthen scored 533 and McCullum made 568 (including his handicap). Actually Molthen was 43 pins better than his opponent playing level.

Vaughan Wins

The fourth match in the competition was between Gaddi and C. E. Vaughan of U.S.S. Mindanao and was played on Wednesday. Vaughan's handicap was plus 40 and Gaddi's plus 23.

Vaughan won very comfortably by 93 pins, the scores being as follows:—

C. E. Vaughan (plus 40)	537
L. Gaddi (plus 23)	444

Gaddi was favoured to win but actually Vaughan won, without his handicap, by 42 pins, which was rather surprising because Vaughan plays more Duck Pins than Ten Pins, as a rule.

Gaddi was clearly off form, an average of 138 not being anything like what he can do.

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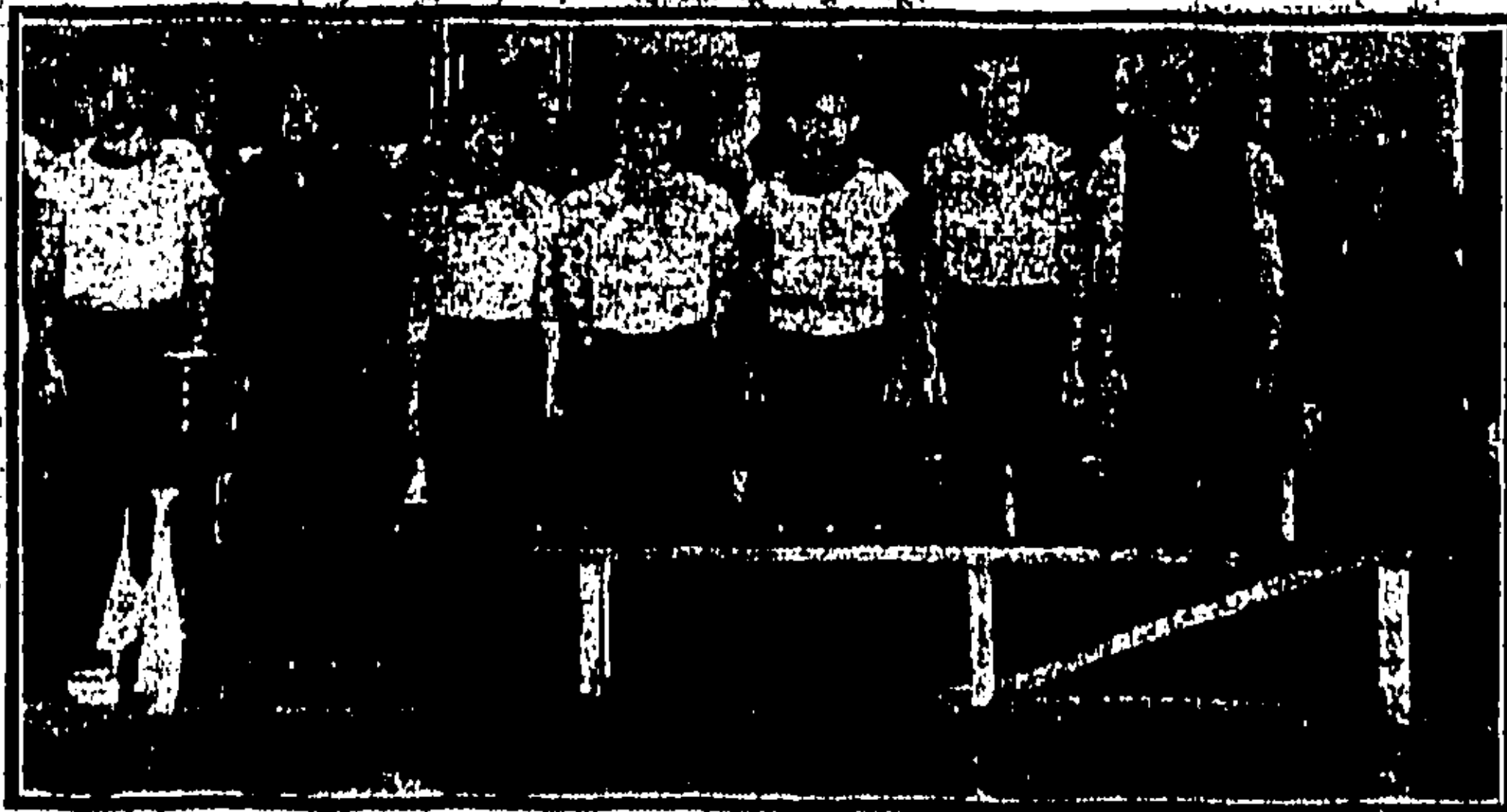
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFeree"

The two greatest upsets in last week's soccer programme was the defeat of South China by Ordnance in Second Division on Saturday and the defeat of Sing Tao by Royal Navy at Causeway Bay on Sunday.

South China's defeat may be costly to them in their quest for the Second Division Championship and it looks as if Engineers, who are still unbeaten, are certain of the title.

Determination and hard tackling contributed to a great extent to Navy beating Sing Tao in First Division.

O'Regan and Roughley gave very good displays at full back while Hazard, in the pivotal position, and Le Page, at inside right, were on top form.

An interesting review of the growth of South China Athletic Association and its part in sports among Chinese was given by Mr. W. H. Chen on Tuesday. The present membership of the Association is nearly 10,000 and this is remarkable, for the Association started in 1916 with only 50 members.

The disinterestedness shown by junior teams in not providing linesmen was the subject of much comment at the Referees' meeting last Tuesday.

It was pointed out that the referee's job without a linesman is difficult and it was decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the Football Association.

STONER AND MACAULEY BAT WELL

Thanks to a fine innings by L/Cpl. Stonor, Royal Army Ordnance Corps yesterday beat Diocesan Boys' School by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo.

School batted first and lost three wickets for only 13 runs but Macauley, who was batting steadily, was then joined by Youngsaye and the partnership added 59 runs. A complete collapse then followed and the whole side was dismissed for 104. Macauley hit eight fours in his 38.

Boocock took 4 for 36, and Tropp had conceded 17 runs without taking a wicket when he struck a patch and took 4 for 19 to finish with 4 for 27.

R.A.O.C. would have fared badly had it not been for Stonor. Apart from 10 by Tropp, he was the only double-figure scorer, hitting nine fours in his 58 not out.

D. B. S.

J. Macauley, c and b Boocock	38
G. A. Goodban, c Barnes, b Boocock	2
A. J. Hulse, c and b Haskins	13
L. Chinfen, c Barnes, b Boocock	0
J. L. Youngsaye, b Tropp	13
L. Jernakoff, b Tropp	0
L. Lyson, b Tropp	4
A. Ebrahim, b Boocock	13
W. Macauley, run out	5
E. Randall, c Barnes, b Tropp	0
E. Rend, not out	10
Extras (B3, LB1, W2)	6

Total 104

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haskins	6	0	35	1
Boocock	11.5	1	36	4
Tropp	5	0	27	4

R.A.O.C.

Stonor, not out	58
Tropp, run out	10
Pinder, run out	1
Roberts, c Lyson, b Macauley	4
Barnes, b Macauley	9
Boocock, run out	1
MacPherson, b Hulse	5
Standing, not out	0
Extras (B14, LB1, W2)	17

Total (for 7 wickets) 110

Stow, Haskins and Mendell did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	12	3	24	1
Ebrahim	5	0	25	0
J. Macauley	7.5	0	39	2
Goodban	2	0	5	1

Ordnance Surprised By Gunners In Shield Tie

A Very Scrappy And Dull Match

By "Sportshawk"

ORDNANCE, WHO caused an upset last weekend when they defeated South China in Second Division, failed to survive the Preliminary Round of the Junior Shield competition when yesterday they were beaten by 30th Heavy Battery, R.A., by the odd goal in three, after being two goals down at the interval.

It was also pointed out that the referee only needed linesmen to assist him for the throw-ins and when the ball went over the goal lines.

The Association has promised to ensure that Clubs comply with this ruling.

Eastern and South China are donating the proceeds of their League game on January 19 to Charity. This should be the best attended game of the season, irrespective of the result of the South China-Sing Tao match on Sunday.

Football Association are not charging increased prices for the Lai Wai Cup game on Chinese New Year's day between Chinese and Army, but have decided that the covered stand seats should be open for booking.

On paper Ordnance should have won the match, yet they were disappointing and failed to even force a draw against a weak 30th R.A. team.

The greater part of the match was scrappy and produced little of interest.

Woolridge played an unexpectedly good game between the sticks for the winners, saving numerous apparently certain goals, while Tuckley was the better of the two backs.

Guy Off Form

Guy was not up to his usual form and appeared to take matters too easily, thus enabled the losing forwards to penetrate several times. Skipwith, the left-half, held his own well.

Round, the winners' centre-forward, and Tate combined well in attack and they were assisted con-



siderably by Chapple, who sent over several good centres from the right-wing.

For the losers, Adams distinguished himself in front of Reynolds who, though twice beaten, could not be blamed for the two goals registered against him, while Stephens spoiled well in the pivotal position.

Their attack was best served by Hewitson, who, however, lacked support from other forwards and consequently was unable to do much.

The Scoring

Round scored the opening goal for the winners about five minutes from the start and Tate added another about three minutes from the end of the first half.

No score was registered by either side until the last 10 minutes, when the losers were awarded a penalty kick with which Emberson made no mistake.

30th Heavy Battery: — R.A. Woolridge; Hole and Tuckley; Skipwith, Guy and Park; Chapple, Gulle, Round, Tate and Flanders. Ordnance: — Reynolds; Adams

RUGBY BLUE ORDAINED

W. O. Chadwick, the Cambridge hooker and English trial player, one of the best forwards of recent years, and a player remarkably unlucky not to get his international cap, has been ordained and appointed deacon at St. John's Church, Huddersfield.

Chadwick captained Tonbridge School in 1934-35, and toured the Argentine with the British team in 1936.—Reuter.

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

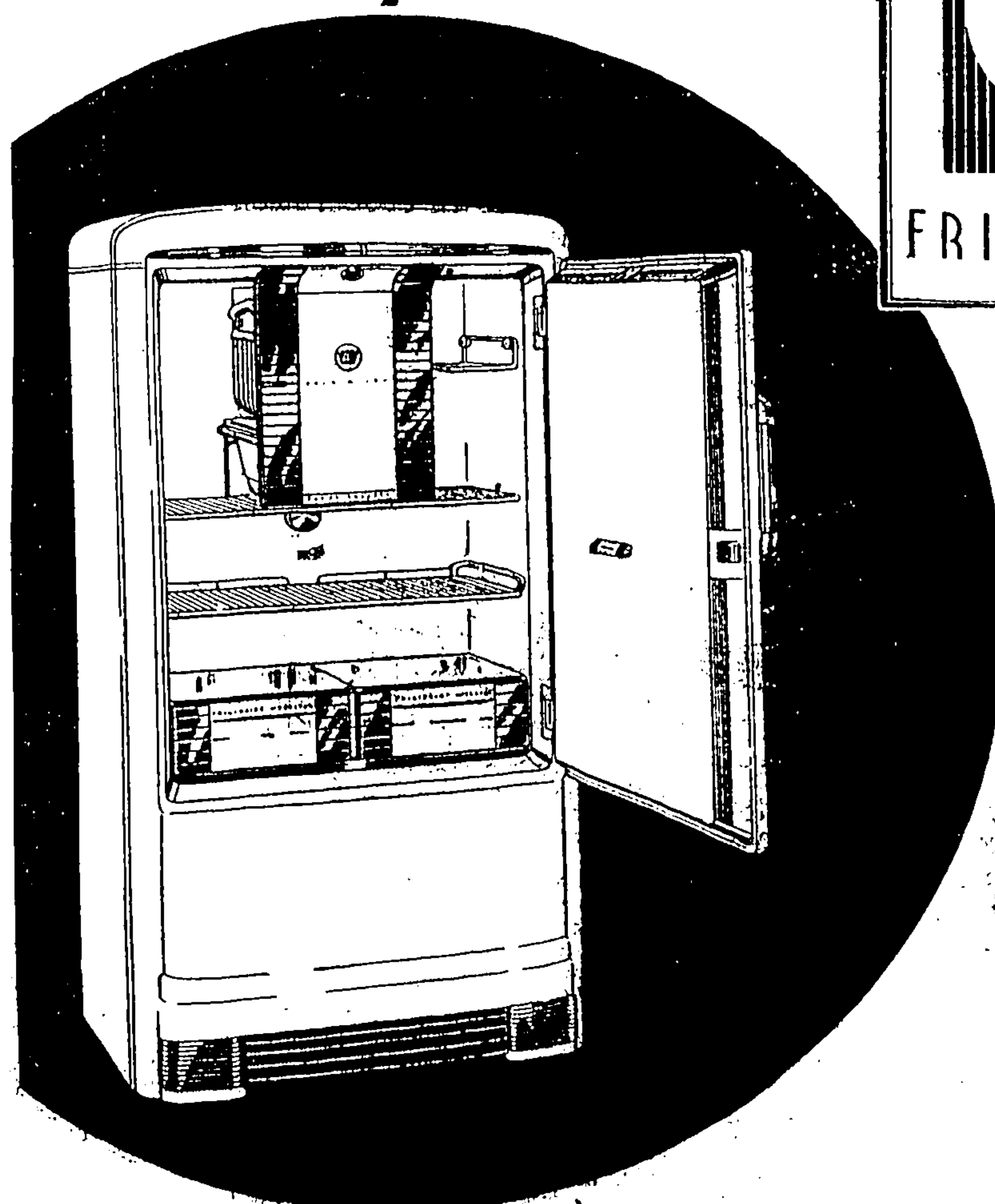
The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against Royal Scots at Chater Road to-morrow at 2 p.m.:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, Pay-Lt. J. C. Brown, C. J. P. Carey, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Finnie, J. L. Isley, R. M. M. King, E. W. Pudney, J. E. Richardson, D. S. Robb.

The War Department Chinese Staff Recreation Club will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Club House, No. 37, Hennessey Road, 3rd floor, to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., to receive the annual report and the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1941, to elect the Committee for the year 1941, and to transact any other business.

and Russell; Nicoll, Stephens and Janes; Harland, Emberson, Hewitson, Harding and Duffield.

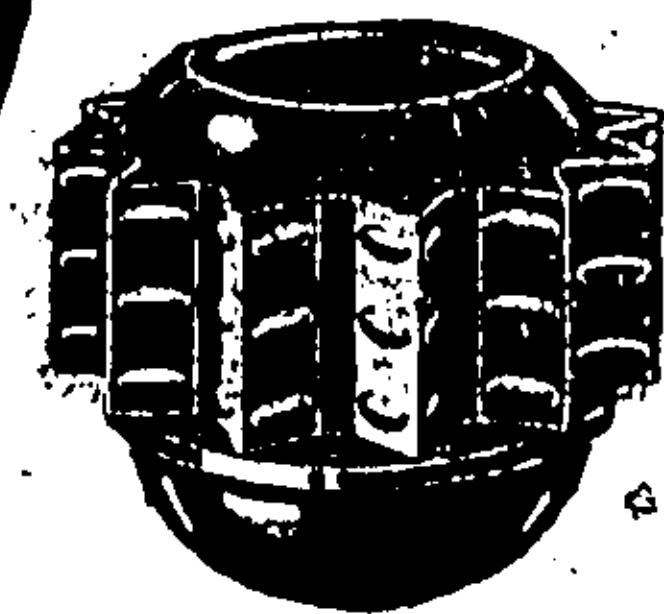
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FURTHER U. S. DEFENCE RE-ORGANISATION PLANS

DUBLIN BOMBS PROVED OF NAZI ORIGIN

Bombs dropped at Rathdown Park, Dublin, on the night of January 1, and on Donore Terrace, Dublin, on the night of January 2/3 have now been identified as of German origin, says a statement issued last night on behalf of the Eirean Department of Defence in Dublin. — Reuter.

MOSCOW'S ESTIMATE

STAFF WORK AND GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES WERE THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE RAPID CAPTURE OF BARDIA, STATED THE NEWSPAPER "RED FLEET" IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

British successes along the Libyan coast, according to the newspaper, may possibly force the Italian High Command to withdraw the Italian Fifth Army, now at Giarabub Oasis (some 175 miles south) to cover such vital bases as Derna and Ben Ghazi. — Reuter.

Caribbean Army Command Unified

FURTHER DEFENCE MEASURES WERE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING THE REVELATION ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FORMING THREE SEPARATE FLEETS WITH ALL WARSHIPS FULLY MANNED TO WAR STRENGTH.

Yesterday Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, stated that the United States Army Commands at the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean Sea are to be consolidated in order to strengthen the defences of the Western Hemisphere.

The existing Panama Canal and Puerto Rican departments and the new Trinidad base will be unified under the command of Lt.-Gen. Van Voorhis, Chief of the Canal Zone.

Mr. Stimson said that a unified command for the entire Caribbean area would increase efficiency, adding that centralised control of air defences was particularly desirable.

Official Silence

He declined to state when the new Caribbean Command would begin operations, what reinforcements would be sent to that area or the strength of units assigned to the new base in Newfoundland.

"What's the use of telling Hitler how many troops we are sending to the Caribbean?" Mr. Stimson asked.

He added: "Hitler may have means of finding out but I am not going to help him." — Reuter.

DEFENCE OF THE N.E.I.

The great changes which have come over the Netherlands East Indies since the outbreak of war and the loyal cooperation of the native population in defence measures were emphasised yesterday by Slotemaker de Bruine, who is on an official visit to Britain for the Dutch Colonial Ministry.

He stated that there is a growing demand by natives for a further measure of conscription to include natives (all Dutchmen in the East Indies between the ages of 18 and 46 are already conscripted).

Officers training schools are now open to natives who also are being trained as air pilots, gunners and observers, and many natives are proving as good as Dutch pilots.

Natives and Chinese are also participating actively in the local Defence Corps on the model of the British Home Guard.

Naval Strength

Economically, the East Indies are now part of the sterling block and the Dutch guilder is no longer accepted.

The Slotemaker pointed out that there is no need for any rationing in the East Indies and the 70 million population is almost self-sufficient.

Most of the Dutch Navy has always been based in the East Indies and is still there. All repairs can be done there and a few ships are being built. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Important heights were occupied at the point of the bayonet by Greek troops during local engagements yesterday, states a Greek High Command communique.

The communique adds that 200 prisoners were captured, as well as much material, including new mortars. — Reuter.

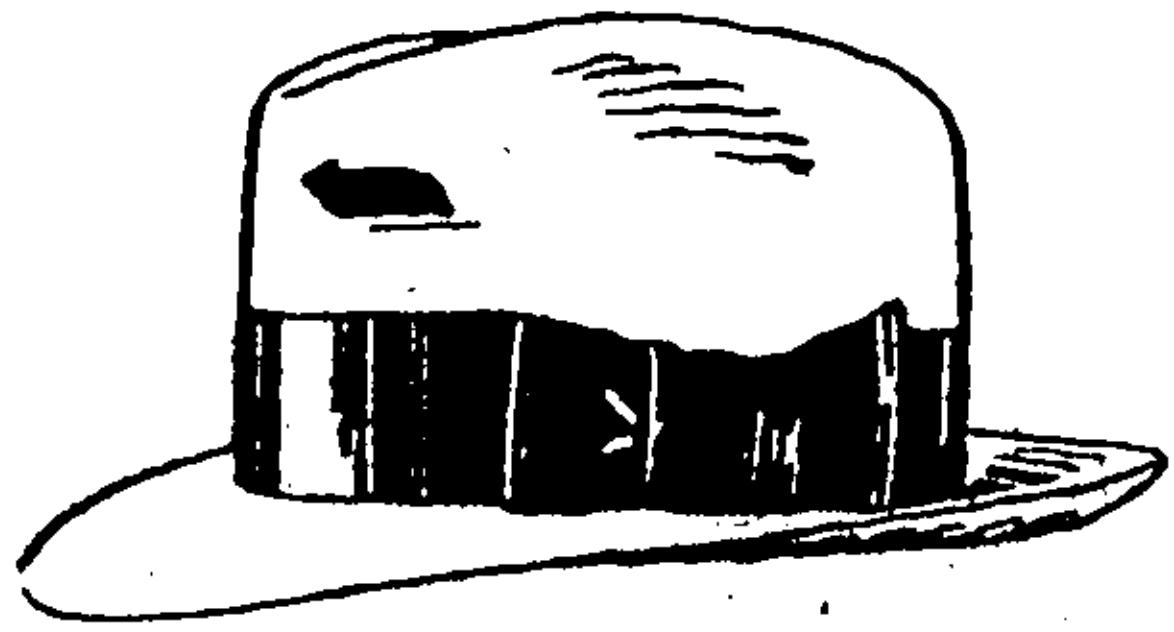


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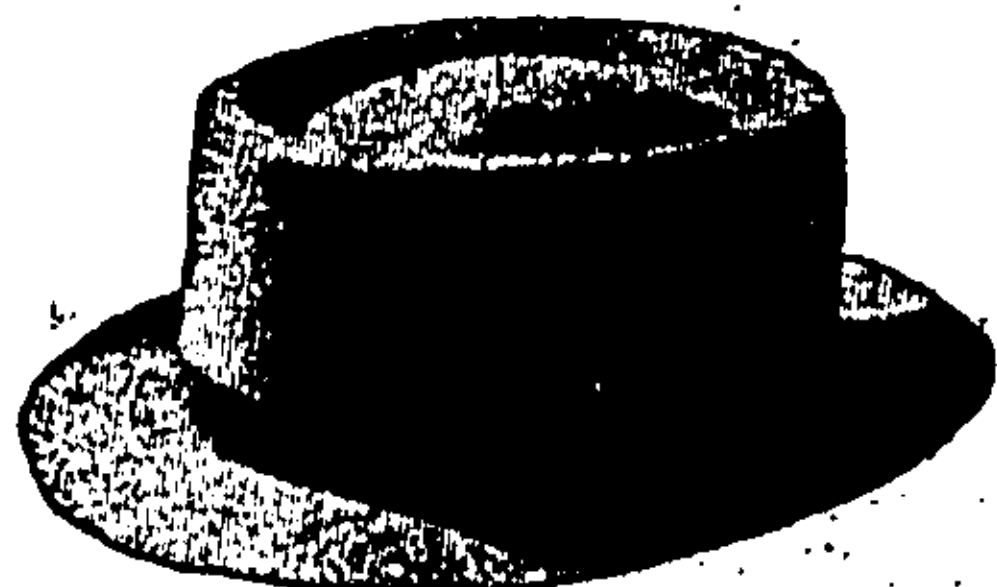


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BIG SHARE DEAL PLAN

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This scheme, if carried out, would be the largest single non-Government securities transaction in the history of the United States. — Reuter.

FREE FRENCH SUBMARINE LOST

The Free French Forces announce that the French submarine Narwahl has been sunk by enemy action while operating with the Allied Forces. — Reuter.

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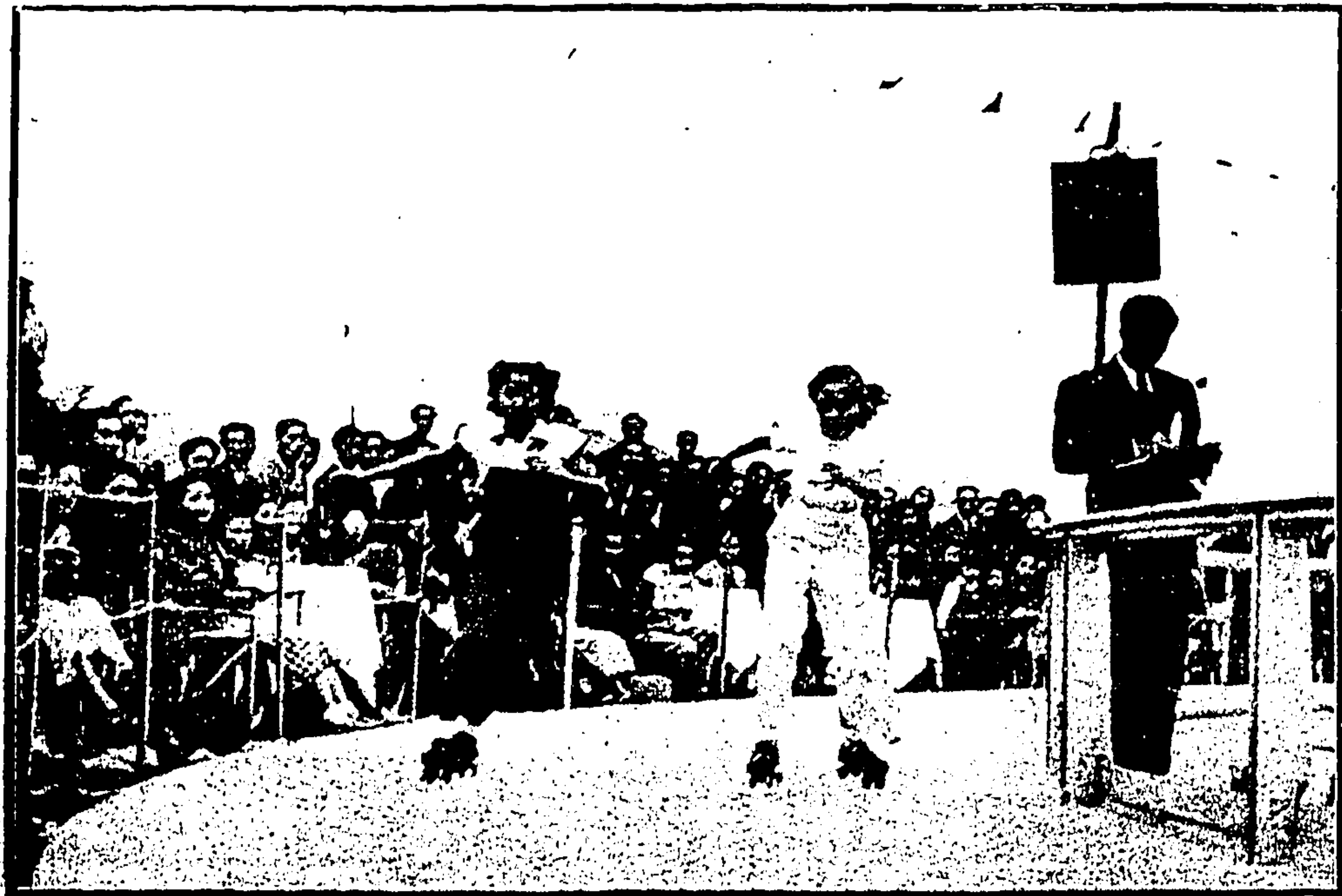
Skating At The Ritz



Miss Chan Shek-man, Miss Lam Wei and Miss Shiu Wan-lan competing in the 400 Metres Race at the First Annual Skating Competition at the Ritz on Sunday.



One of the novelty events at the First Annual Skating Competition at the Ritz last Sunday was the Potato Race. One of the competitors is shown here about to pick up the potatoes.

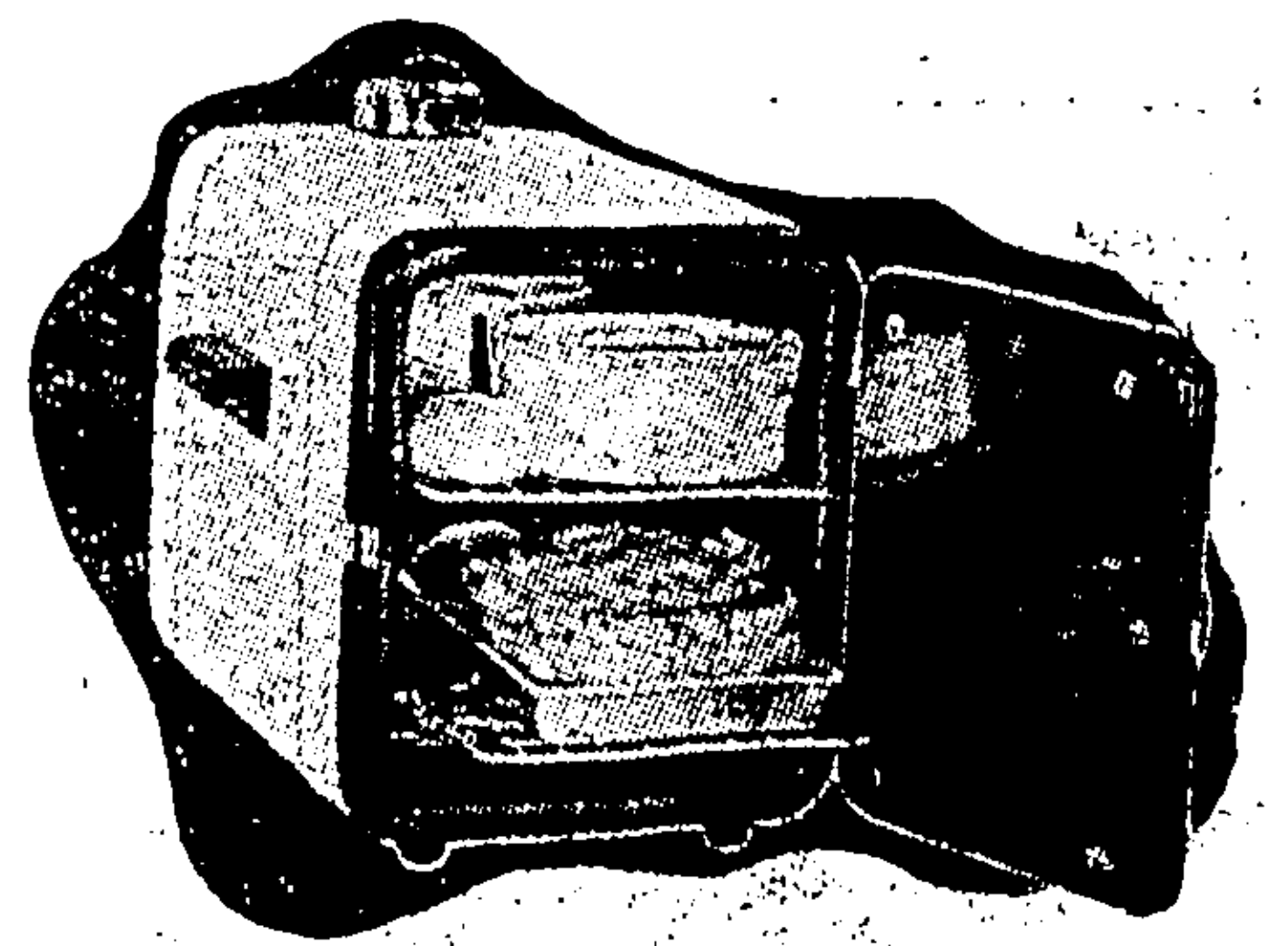


Miss Ng Shiu-ying (right) and Miss Lam Mei (left) two of the keenest participants in the 800 metres Race in the First Annual Skating Competition last Sunday at the Ritz, North Point.



The Police played against the Destroyers on the Navy Ground, in King's Park, last Sunday.

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SHORT STORY

Round The Next Corner

By NORMALL GORDON

IT was not until some time after he received David's letter that Brian Royle was conscious of a feeling that amounted to something more than disappointment. Of course, when reading it at breakfast, he had known he was sorry, but it was one of those things that just couldn't be helped. Besides, the upset for David and Aline would be much worse than for him.

Aline, David wrote, had heard from her sister, saying that their father was not very well, and she thought they should go there for Christmas. "I don't think," added David in his letter, "that it's anything very serious, but my dad-in-law's getting on in years, and we feel we ought to go. This means we shall have to shut up our little place, and I'm terribly sorry we can't have you with us over the festive season. Such short notice won't, I know, give you much chance of making fresh arrangements, but I'm sure you'll understand Aline shares my regrets. Next year, I hope, we shall resume the 'happy reunion.' We've spent three jolly Christmases together haven't we?"

Yes, David was right. They had been jolly Christmases. That is, as David and Aline and Royle understood "jollity." Not hitting the high spots, playing hilarious games or drinking innumerable cocktails. Possibly, Brian supposed, judged by modern standards, they'd be considered unaccountably prim and staid for people still in their twenties. Some might even describe them as "treaks." Well, what if they did?

David played the piano rather more than competently, and Aline had a mezzo-soprano voice of lyrical quality. Then David's brother, Kenneth, his wife, Doris, and her sister, Betty, had joined them on Christmas Day, and when David wasn't at the piano and Aline singing, or they weren't playing bridge for a modest penny a hundred, Kenneth demonstrated his talents as a humorist. Yes, very decidedly they'd been jolly Christmases.

It was true, too, Brian reflected on the way to his office, that he hadn't much chance of fixing up anything else. Doubtless, with Christmas still a couple of days away, he could get in somewhere to join a hotel party, which seemed to be so much the fashion nowadays. But that method of "spending Christmas" didn't appeal to him. It was not that he was wilfully unsocial, or deliberately shunned company, but he was naturally of a shy and retiring disposition, and books, and a weekly visit to a cinema, usually provided him with all the companionship and diversion he required. In the summer he played tennis, and went for frequent evening runs in his small car, but with the exception of David and Aline, he had never cultivated any real friends. Perhaps that was foolish, because if anything happened like David's letter it did leave a fellow rather at a loose end.

Once a colleague at the office—a genial chap named Gower—had laughingly described him as "a bit of an old fossil for 28." Gower had added: "There's no denying you're a pukka accountant, but one day, my boy, you'll wake up to the fact that figures, and figuring 'em out, aren't everything. There are other kinds of figures in the world"—Gower grinned at his own joke—"and mostly they're dressed in pretty frocks."

Recollection of Gower's leg-pulling came to Royle now. Much of his self-sufficiency, he supposed—the little desire he felt for mixing with others—was due to his having been the only child of a widowed mother left in straitened circumstances, and very largely he had had to make his own way in the world. Before he passed out of the grammar school, to which a scholarship had admitted him, his mother had died, too. So, attaining the position of a qualified accountant had meant relatively hard going all the way. Anyhow, there hadn't been much time for day dreaming about the possible or positive charm of the opposite sex.

If one excepted an adolescent episode—he remembered he was about 17 at the time—Royle had never thought seriously about any girl. And, of course, looking back from the superior height of 23, this affair seemed rather amusing now. Trifling, too. Beryl Denny was a daughter of the managing director of a big firm of wine importers—miles above him in the social scale—and if he had had any sense at all he would have known that the nipping in the bud of their boy and girl romance was inevitable from the beginning. But

you can't be as wise at 17 as you are—or ought to be—at 28. With fervent protestations of undying affection, and faithful promises to write at least once every week, Beryl went to complete her education in France. And that, due to parental intervention, was the end. Some time afterwards, in the New Year Honours, Brian saw that Mr. Basil Stafford Denny had received the accolade of knighthood. With a rather rueful smile, Royle admitted that he couldn't blame Beryl for that. Still, it served to show how wide the social gulf had been.

Nearing the street in which his office was situated, Royle reflected that Beryl Denny was the only girl who had held what might be called a definite place in his heart. He had never thought, well, tenderly, about anybody else. Yet, by Jove! and sudden recollection almost made Royle pull up in his stride—that was not strictly true. But the other thing had been so nebulous—so unsubstantial, obscure and hazy—that it was hardly possible to affix any name to it at all. Perhaps the most that could be said was that it was a passing attraction, and only one-sided at that. He couldn't imagine that an hour after he'd finished the job of work he was appointed to do the girl even so much as remembered his existence. There was absolutely no reason why she should.

All he knew about her was that she was addressed as Miss Chigwell, and that she held the post of private secretary to the managing director of a firm, the half-yearly audit of whose books he, Royle, and Gower had been instructed by the employers to carry out. The job lasted nearly a fortnight, and for that time they occupied the next room to that of Miss Chigwell. To reach her room she had to pass through theirs, and at first she confined herself to formal but friendly "good mornings." Later, she stopped long enough to pass some remarks about the weather, or to mention a concert she had been to, or a picture she had seen, the previous night. Of slightly more than medium height, she had a slender, shapely body, hair of a fairness that halted some way short of the lightness of blonde, and she wore neat, tailored suits. She had the blue eyes which are nearly always the natural accompaniment of a fair complexion, and her features were even and well formed.

One morning, after the door had closed behind Miss Chigwell, the irrepressible Gower said: "There goes, I'll bet you a fiver, one of the most efficient private secretaries who are the special gifts of Providence to harassed managing directors. Nice girl, too. I don't say she's my type—not vivacious enough, and nobody could call her strikingly pretty—but she's got breeding, and doesn't put on a lot of silly side. I shouldn't be surprised if she's a parson's daughter, and that her vicarage home is buried somewhere in the country."

Royle had no means of knowing whether Gower's speculations were close to or miles off the mark. Anyhow, what did it signify? It was over 12 months since he had done that particular job, and had never met Miss Chigwell again. It was queer, though, that remembrance of her should have remained with him so vividly. He had often thought about her, and now, hanging up his hat and coat, he wondered where she would be spending Christmas. Funny!

On the morning of Christmas Eve, after glancing at the clock, Gower said: "Only another hour, and we bid adieu to our labours for four blissful days. What time are you leaving for your friends' place?"

Smiling rather wryly Brian replied: "I'm not going. It's off. They've been called away unexpectedly."

"Rough luck!" There was genuine regret in Gower's tone. "I'm joining the happy family circle. If I had to spend Christmas alone in digs—" Gower paused, then added: "Here's an idea! If I was in your place I'd get out the car, choose any one of the roads, and without any settled plan just drive on until I came across a farmhouse or roadside inn that looked a likely sort of place in which to put up for a night, or longer. Leave it to chance and luck. Even in these days of conducted tours you can't rule adventure clear out, and one never can tell who's round the next corner."

It was then, or shortly afterwards, Brian realised fully that David's letter had occasioned him something more than disappointment. Disturbing, and startling

revelation, it had made a lonely man keenly aware of his loneliness. Well, there might be something in what Gower had said...

The noise of some one moving about in the small living-room below aroused Gloria Chigwell. She awoke suddenly, and for a minute was puzzled to know what the sounds could mean. It was Mrs. Dorsett, of course—the cheery, homely soul who came in every morning to wash the crockery, and tidy things up—but why was she so early? She had a key and could let herself in, but seldom arrived before Gloria was up. This morning was an exception, and the explanation could only be that she—Gloria—had overslept. Yes, the bedside clock registered a quarter to nine.

This morning, too, Gloria had awakened in a strangely light-hearted mood, a new experience in these last few months. Striving to capture an elusive memory, she frowned. Oh, yes, she remembered now. It was Christmas Eve, and, acting on a sudden resolve, she had decided to spend the holiday in a quiet hotel at Dart-haven. Six months ago nothing, no powers of persuasion, could have induced her to leave her cottage. Gloria's frown deepened.

At that time—six months ago Joyce Redmond had summarised the situation very fairly to a mutual friend. "Of course," she had said, "Donald has behaved abominably. He's a cad—a rank outsider. To be engaged to Gloria for two years, and then turn round and say he couldn't go on with it—to plead that he wasn't a marrying man—was unspeakably cruel. The only decent thing he's done is to clear out to South Africa, and stay there. Of course, knowing Gloria as we do—how seriously she takes things, her proper sense of pride, and how devoted she was to Donald—we expected she'd be very badly hit, and feel inexpressibly humiliated. But not to the extent of throwing over everything—her job and her friends—and shutting herself up in a country cottage. The hermit complex! I don't care how snug the place is, or if there are ramblers roses and honeysuckle growing over the front door porch, it isn't natural. It isn't safe for a girl of twenty-five to go and hide herself away like that."

The appetising aroma of hot coffee and fried bacon greeted Gloria as she came downstairs. A minute later Mrs. Dorsett carried a tray into the living-room. "Good-morning, miss," she said, briskly. "It looks like being a nice day for your journey. You'll be catching the half-past three bus?"

Pouring out her coffee, Gloria said: "No. I shall walk to the station. It's only two miles, and I love the walk."

Mrs. Dorsett pressed an imaginary crease from her apron. "If you'll excuse my saying so, miss, I'm glad you're going away for a while. Do you go to mix with a bit of company. I've been a widow woman for six years, and I know how lonely one feels at times. Now and again my boys come to see me, and bring their wives and kiddies, and that helps. Yet it seems more lonely than ever after they've gone again."

A slight flush stained Gloria's cheeks. "Oh, I don't know, Mrs. Dorsett. I've got my writing to do, and my books, and the days pass quite quickly. Besides, you and everybody else in the village have been extremely kind to me so that I don't see how I could possibly feel lonely."

Moving to the door, Mrs. Dorsett retailed times when, thinking herself unobserved, Gloria's shoulders had drooped, and an expression had come into her eyes which the worldly-wise woman knew to be born of yearning, and she shrewdly suspected of a sorrow jealously guarded from the world. "Ah, well, miss," said Mrs. Dorsett, finally, "I'm not altering my mind that a change won't do you good. And I hope, I'm sure, you'll have a very happy Christmas. Don't you worry about the cottage. I'll see that everything's all right."

"Thank you, Mrs. Dorsett," said Gloria. "I'm certain you will. And the same to you—a happy Christmas."

Carrying her suit-case, Gloria set out for the station. She had allowed herself ample time, and Mrs. Dorsett's prophecy of "a nice day" was verified. The air, holding a strong breeze of frost, was invigorating. For some reason she did not care to analyse too closely Gloria's mood was responsive. Yet, could it be as so many of her friends had declared, that she had acted with unreasoning im-

pulse—blindly? But the hurt had been so crushing, the wound so deep, that she had not known what else to do. Was she really a coward—a person who squealed and ran and buried her head like an ostrich at the first signs of adversity—of disillusionment? If so, how did she compare with the countless thousands who faced up to the real tragedies of life bereavement, unemployment, incurable disease?

These thoughts, intrusive and uninvited, were not pleasant. An end was put to them by Gloria treading on a loose stone. In preventing herself from falling, she twisted an ankle. Tentatively she put the injured foot to the ground. She did not think the strain was serious, but it was sufficiently severe to make further walking painful. Looking at her watch she reckoned the next bus would be along in half-an-hour. To rest the throbbing ankle Gloria went to a nearby gate.

It was there that a man in a passing car saw her standing. The car was doing an easy 25 m.p.h., and the driver had ample opportunity of taking stock of objects on either side of him. Because he was in no hurry, and had nowhere especially to go, he had maintained the same jog-trot speed over the last fifty miles. Dusk would not come for some time yet, but it was as well to be on the lookout for that likely farmhouse or way-side inn. Once darkness fell one might go on and on. Then, with quite an unnecessary screeching of brakes, the car stopped, and the driver got out.

In his musings, Brian Royle had admitted to himself that there was no reason whatever why Miss Chigwell should remember he had ever existed. Actually, this came very near to being the truth. A happily engaged girl of Gloria Chigwell's kind has few, if any, thoughts to spare for other men. But when Brian came towards her recognition was instantaneous.

"Good gracious! Mr. Royle," she said. "This is a surprise." Instinctively, she held out a hand. The action caused movement of the injured foot, and a twinge of pain was reflected in her face. Brian was quick to notice it.

"I say," he exclaimed, "Have you hurt yourself?"

Gloria laughed a trifle shakily. "It's nothing much," she said. "I was stupid enough to step on a stone and twist my ankle."

Assailed by his old enemy, reserve, Brian considered this statement for a moment. Then, partially forcing down the barrier, he said: "Are—are you spending Christmas somewhere around here? If so, please do let me give you a lift. Mine's not a posh car, but the engine's quite good."

Inherently decent herself, Gloria was able to appraise the same quality in others. In Royle she saw a young man striving to overcome a besetting shyness by a display of chivalry disguised as pleasantry. In the same spirit she replied:

"Please don't disparage your car, Mr. Royle. In any case, it's bound to be much better than mine because I haven't got one at all. Actually, though, I live here—in the nearest village—but am going to Dart-haven for Christmas. I've booked up at a small hotel, and was on my way to the station." She paused, then asked "And where are you going?"

Smiling sheepishly, Brian said: "The answer will sound mad, absolutely crazy. But it's true. Nowhere—and anywhere." Then he told her of David's unexpected letter, the upsetting of his plans, and the whimsical advice proffered by Gower. She remembered Gower, didn't she? On the spur of the moment he'd acted upon it. Got into his car, driven away, and, well, here he was!

Gloria's laugh was more spontaneous than it had been for months. In spite of its implied element of pathos, the situation appealed to her sense of humour. There was something about it so quaintly quirkotic. "You mean you took a chance and depended on luck," she said.

Brian grinned. "That's right," he said. Gosh! She had used the same words as Gower. There was that other bit about never knowing who was round the next corner, but he didn't think he'd better mention that. "If Dart-haven's as pretty as its name it must be a delightful place. Are you meeting friends there?"

Gloria both nodded and shook her head. "It is," she agreed. "Anyway, it suits me. Quiet and peaceful. I shall be alone, except for any people I may speak to in the hotel."

Royle looked away. A thought

staggering in its boldness, and dazzling in the prospect it envisaged, had come to him suddenly. Would it—could it—be possible? To heighten confusion it occurred to him that Miss Chigwell had changed—that in some indefinite, and perhaps indefinable way, she was different. She had the same frank manner, and she spoke brightly, but her face had a drawn look, and, in repose, Brian fancied that her eyes might hold a suggestion of suffering. Had anything happened to cause her grief? Impelled by an alien courage, Brian pushed down the barrier.

"I wonder, I was thinking," the words came haltingly, and he had to grope for them—"whether you'd mind—whether you'd think it was terribly impertinent of me—if I said that I'd like to spend Christmas at Dart-haven, and whether you'd be offended if I offered to drive you there. You see?" Royle laughed jerkily—"to tell the truth I'm feeling lonely. But"—hurriedly he sought to correct any possible misapprehension—"I promise I wouldn't force my company on you. It's just that I'd have somewhere settled to go."

Gloria gaze steadfastly at Brian. Of his transparent honesty there could, she felt, be no question. It was stamped on his well-knit figure and open countenance, with its kindly brown eyes and resolute chin, symbols of tenderness and strength. For his age, perhaps, his face was preternaturally grave, but was wonderfully lightened when he smiled.

"Why, of course not," Gloria's answer was as unaffected as her nature. "How could I be offended or think you impertinent? Nobody should be unhappy at Christmas. But I don't know whether the hotel people can put you up. There you'll have to take another chance. Perhaps" and her voice became so low that Brian could barely hear her words—"we're both suffering from the same complaint—loneliness."

By dinner time on Christmas Day nearly all the events that mattered in the lives of Gloria Chigwell and Brian Royle were known to each other. To two people inspired by mutual trust there was something in the peacefulness of Dart-haven, and the spirit of the season, which compelled confidences. With the sea a panorama before them they had sat on the hotel veranda until twinkling lights appeared to trace the arc of the curved promenade.

Brian had comparatively little to tell—the episode of Beryl and her honours-seeking father seemed very remote and inconsequent now—but more in detail he described his early struggles and the necessity they had imposed of living very largely within and for himself. Very diffidently he referred to his first acquaintance with Gloria. "Ever since then," he said, simply, "I've never forgotten you, and have always hoped that one day we might meet again."

Gloria spoke of the sorrow that had come into her life, and of how happy she had been as the fiancée of Donald Sainsbury. He was, she said, a fascinating lover—handsome, clever and attentive. Her smallest wish had always seemed to be his greatest desire. That had made the sudden end—the disillusionment—so much worse. At first, when she took the country cottage, she thought she would find solace in solitude and work, and that new surroundings would enable her to find peace, if not forgetfulness. Yet, latterly, she had begun to doubt whether shutting herself away, and becoming selfish and self-centred, could ever bring back true happiness.

Very lightly Brian rested a hand on hers. "My dear," he said, "I think I understand. And one day—because I know I love you very sincerely—I should like to come and ask you whether you can ever love me, and whether, together, we can forget what loneliness means."

When Gloria turned to him Royle saw that her eyes were tear-dimmed. "That, my dear," she said, "is very sweet of you. I do believe you, and when we've got to know each other better, I think the answer will be what you seek. But the wound was very deep, and you must be patient and give me time."

Brian was well content. Retiring that night, mingled with thoughts of the most splendid girl in the world, were grateful remembrances of Cecil Gower. "Of course," Brian soliloquised, "he's an incorrigible flirt, but a dashed good sort all the same. If it hadn't been for him I'd never have known who was round the next corner!"

The Seven Pillars Of Fascism

THE Fascist regime in Italy rests primarily on the shoulders of the Duce, but under him there are seven lieutenants who have passed from office to office, seven men who compose the orchestra and lead the dance which keeps the country breathless.

First of all, Count Galeazzo Ciano, Mussolini's chosen successor, the "magnificent son-in-law." He was born at Livorno in 1903. His father Costanzo Ciano was a follower of Mussolini's from the first, but at the time of the march on Rome, Galeazzo was a young man more taken up with girls and his tailor than with politics. He dabbled in journalism but no one took him seriously. He tried the theatre and wrote two little plays which were never presented.

His father Costanzo, to whom the Duce could refuse nothing, pushed him into a diplomatic career. He was sent to Rio de Janeiro as a young attaché. In 1929, after the Treaty of Latern, he was secretary to the Italian Embassy at the Vatican. But it was in 1930 that the handsome young man made the best coup of his life: he married Edda Mussolini.

After the marriage, celebrated with unheard-of pomp—it is said that the Duce gave his daughter a present of eight million lire—the couple was sent to Asia. Galeazzo was Consul at Shanghai, then, in 1933, Minister in China. But Edda, more ambitious, obtained the recall of her husband; he was named delegate to the Economic Conference in London; then he became chief of the Press Bureau and President of the Council. Then came the war in Ethiopia and for the sake of his prestige Ciano took part.

On his return from Africa in 1936 he was named Minister of Foreign Affairs, the youngest Minister of Foreign Affairs in the world.

Italo Balbo, Lieutenant No. 2, was born in 1896 in the province of Ferrara. During the war he fought valiantly; physical courage was his outstanding quality.

After the seizure of power, Balbo was named Commandant-General of the Fascist militia that Mussolini had just created. From 1929 to 1933, he was Air Minister and brought into being the aerial army of which Italy is so very proud.

Balbo was a friend of Mussolini and was the only one who could stand up to him.

The Duce loves to change his Ministers and the latter never know when they are going to be sacked or given another post.

In 1933 Balbo was made Governor of Libya. In this capacity he did fine work in transforming the land into a model colony. His

By Emmanuel D'Astier

reputation was such that he was popularly regarded as Mussolini's successor.

Perhaps that is why he died in a mysterious aeroplane accident last year.

And now we come to Dino Grandi, Mussolini's friend and very influential. In the beginning he was antagonistic to Mussolini but at the Congress of Rome in 1921 a reconciliation was brought about.

At the time of the march on Rome, Grandi took an active part in the movement. After holding various governmental posts he became Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1930.

In 1934, he was appointed Ambassador to London, which position he held for some time.

Ever since November, 1930, Arturo Bocchini has been the supreme and all-powerful chief of the Italian Police. Every morning he feels the pulses of Italian life and takes measures to ensure the physical and moral invulnerability of the Duce. He never has a holiday.

Bocchini's astounding creation, the O.V.R.A. (Organisation for Vigilance and the Repression of Anti-Fascism) is the backbone of the regime. Without it the dictatorship could probably not have

resisted the assaults of public opinion.

He is tired, after fourteen years of formidable work, and is dreaming of retiring to the country, leaving his responsibilities to his favourite lieutenant, Commander Schiavo.

Achille Starace, until recently General Secretary of the Fascist Party, is a member of the Council of Ministers and of the Council of Fascism.

He was born at Gallipoli in 1889 and carries his fifty-one years well. He is servile to Mussolini and bullying with humbler folk. He is not at all popular.

He distinguished himself in the war of 1914-18, winning several medals. After the Armistice, the Fascist venture tempted him.

He organised the first unions in southern Italy and attracted the notice of Mussolini. In 1921 he became Vice-General Secretary of the Fascist Party. He took part in several punitive operations and was called upon to destroy by violence the organisations of the Left. In this task he showed himself a cruel man, a one hundred per cent Fascist, always ready for a fray. He became general secretary of the party after the disgrace and dismissal of his predecessor, Augusto Turati, in 1931.

Starace is the type that pleases the Duce: moderately intelligent, a demon for work, a meticulous executor of orders, circumspect.

Roberto Farinacci ranged himself on the Duce's side soon after the war and organised Fascist squads in the valley of the Po.

After the march on Rome, as a recompense for all his services, he was made an advocate and in order to enable him to practise his profession, he was allowed to pass all the examinations before a specially called commission.

However, his air of being indispensable annoys Mussolini who



Evacuated mothers and children leaving a London school for the railway station. (Copyright, Fox).

dislikes him and now uses him only for the writing of polemics in his organ *Regime Fascista*.

Virginia Gayda, born in Rome in August, 1885, was a Fascist partisan from the beginning.

It was in 1926 that he became director of the *Giornale d'Italia* and made himself notable for his hatred of the Germans and the Serbs. After the reversal of the Mussolinian policy on the subject of Yugoslavia and the rest, Gayda, who is only a very humble servant of the pen at the orders of the master, turned his coat and now he adores Serbs and Germans whom he formerly vilified, and

spits upon the French.

Gayda writes the leading article in the *Giornale d'Italia* every day and on Sundays the whole of a special edition. Americans have calculated that he produces 500,000 words a year. He takes his orders from Ciano.

Sometimes it happens that Ciano's orders do not conform with Mussolini's wishes. Then Gayda, who has already written an article in accordance with instructions from the Chigi Palace hastens with sweat on his brow to change it from top to bottom in accordance with the wishes of the Venice Palace. He is blindly submissive and accepts everything.

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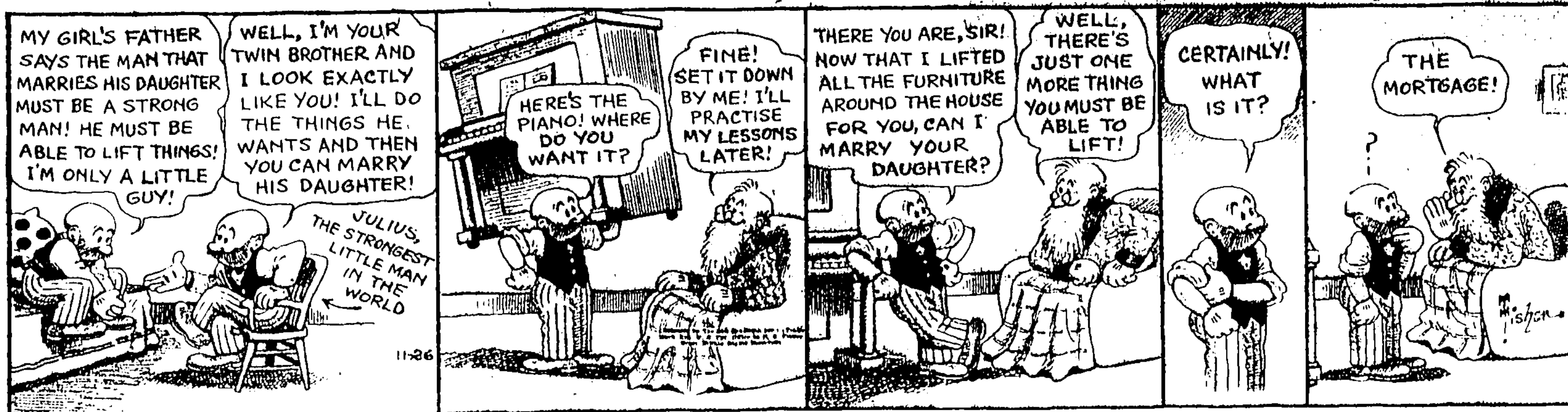
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Chic Wardrobe

According to Claudette Colbert, who frequently has been named Hollywood's best dressed woman, any woman can look smartly dressed at all time regardless of her income, if she has a desire to look smart! And that should be comforting news for many of us to-day!

"That might sound smug coming from me when I can now afford any clothes I want," Claudette said charmingly. "but I speak with a very vivid memory of the days when one foot of closet space was more than ample for my wardrobe!"

"Dressing smartly, or fashionably, doesn't come naturally to every woman. Some women have an innate flair for being chic — others haven't. But smartness may be acquired by the woman who seriously desires it."

A Basic Wardrobe

"I believe," Claudette continued, "that the basic wardrobe of any girl to-day should include one well-fitted suit with a blouse, a sweater and the right bag, gloves, shoes and hat to go with a tailored costume. The suit doesn't have to be custom made. You can buy excellent suits in department or specialty shops and have them altered to your figure measurements. But one important thing to remember is that high-heeled shoes are definitely not smart with a suit. A suit requires a medium or lower heel."

"The next costume in this three-piece smart wardrobe is a good, black crepe dress. It should not be flossy, or in any way styled to a current fad. It should do all that it possibly can for your particular figure which, nine times out of ten, means it should be severely simple with a flattering neckline, long or bracelet-length sleeves and probably a bias or circular skirt, or a nicely gored skirt."

"With a few inexpensive but not flashy accessories, this dress can become a dozen different costumes for dinner or office wear. You may have a felt hat and a



HELEN PARRISH, the pretty young lady who has grown up suddenly, models a black hat with colorful birds which will dress up a basic,

black velvet hat. You will be smarter than the girls who go in for coloured dresses and then attempt to select harmonising accessories! You know that is a difficult task.

"Third and last comes an evening gown of either black or white with a jacket which turns the

formal gown into a dinner dress. This jacket should be coloured. If a shade looks particularly well on you in night light, wear that colour. Gold, silver or stone studded belts enliven the dress and offer frequent change. Wear a necklace or earrings but never both at the same time!"

Every Woman Has Two Personalities

You have only to look at the two photographs of pretty Kathryn Adams, to know I am not misleading you when I say you have two personalities! Very definitely Kathryn has two — the one on the left is her casual self; the one on the right is her exotic self.

We, as women, get in the habit of looking the same day in and day out unless a new love interest enters our life. And then how we change from a little drab thrush into a peacock!

Now wouldn't it be a good thing for many of us to pretend a new love has entered our life and see what sort of a Cinderella we could be if a fairy godmother told us we might go to the most exciting ball of the season! What changes we are capable of if only there was an incentive!

Act Up to New Personality

You are going to be terribly surprised at what a change of

neckline does for you, or a new coiffure or a couple of beauty-reviving facials! Simply living through the transformation is going to bring a beguiling sparkle to your eyes, a new lilt to your step, and more friendliness to your smile. In other words you are going to radiate charm with a capital C.

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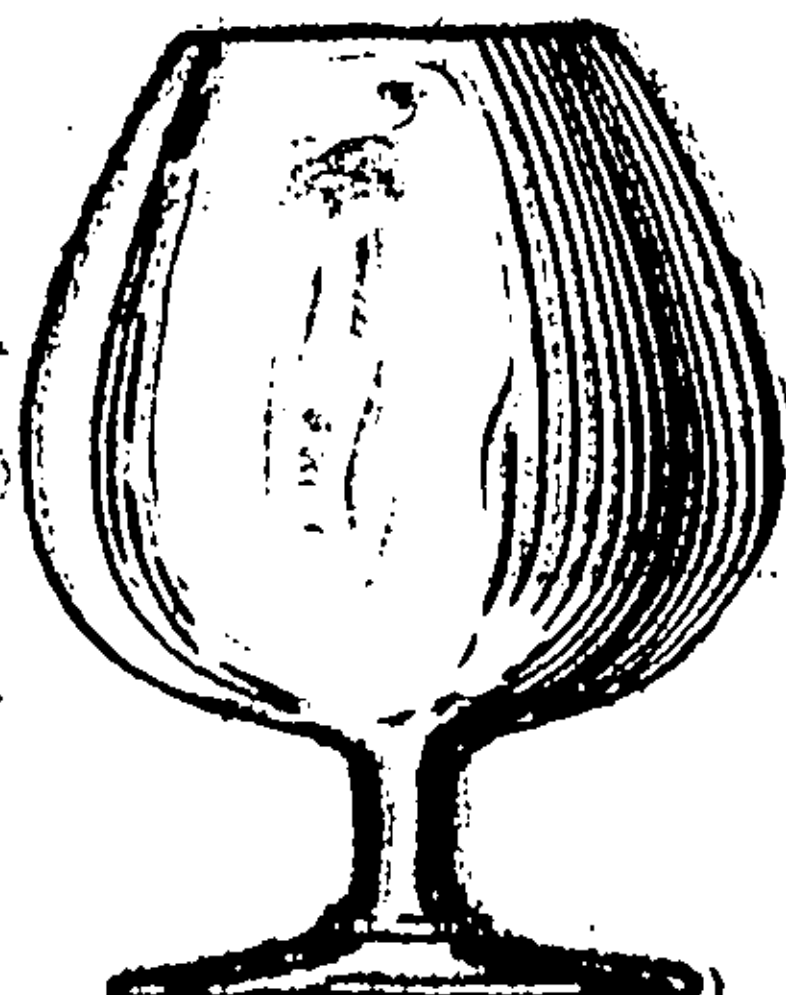
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Local Sports



Major C. M. Manners (skip of the President's Team) and Mr. B. D. Evans (skip of the Vice-President's Team) in the Annual Bowls Event of the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day.



A snap taken during the match between the Police and the Destroyers at the Navy Ground last Sunday in King's Park.



A RAID ON THE VILLAGE SHOP — The youngsters who have been evacuated from London to this Berkshire village, soon found the position of the local "sweets and toys" shop. Here are some of them doing a little window gazing before purchasing. (Copyright, Fox).

(Left)—A group photo taken at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day on the occasion of the annual President versus Vice-President Bowls Match.



A group of baseball players taken before the Charity Softball Match at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and the Combined U.S. Navy in aid of the Bomber Fund.



KING AND QUEEN VISIT COMMUNAL CENTRES — Their Majesties the King and Queen visited Communal Centres in South London and chatted to some of the people who are without gas and who go to the Central School and get meals for a few pence. Photo shows the King watching some of the people enjoying their meals at the Centre, while Her Majesty chats to one of them at the table. (Copyright, Fox).

(Left)—American destroyers recently crossed the Atlantic to join the British Fleet. Photo shows two of the ships proceeding on their way while the sun sets in mid-Atlantic. (Official Photograph).



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RAIDER BLOWN TO PIECES?

Last night, for the first time in four nights, anti-aircraft guns and enemy planes were heard in the London area and enemy planes were reported over widely scattered districts in England and Wales.

Raiders over London were kept at a high altitude by the intense barrage, aided by searchlights.

While several planes were over a South of England area and anti-aircraft guns were in action a vivid white flash was seen in the sky, followed by the sound of a terrific explosion.

The concussion shook houses 10 miles away. — Reuter.

ITALIANS ATTACK VIOLENTLY

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent On the Albanian Frontier)

"The Greeks yesterday repulsed a vigorous Italian attack south-west of Moshkopolis, some 20 miles from the Yugoslav frontier.

The Italians are reported to have suffered heavy losses.

Fighting further north was restricted to artillery duels and patrol skirmishes, one of which occurred near Urdurish, on the shores of Lake Ohrida.

Heavy rain fell in the afternoon but gunfire continued. — Reuter.

GREEK BAYONET CHARGE

Important heights were occupied at the point of the bayonet by Greek troops during local engagements yesterday, states a Greek High Command communiqué.

The communiqué adds that 200 prisoners were captured, as well as much material, including new mortars. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy with occasional drizzle, improving.

To Forestall A Possible Nazi "Invasion" Of Italy

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF BARDIA ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING EVIDENT IN AFRICA ITSELF; THE BRITISH AIR ARM IS STRETCHING OUT AS FAR AS BEN GHAZI AND IS PARALYSING THE MUCH-VAUNTED ITALIAN AIR SERVICE AS FAR AS THAT PORT.

FASCIST PARTY PURGE BEGINNING

Fourteen regional heads of the Fascist Party have been removed from office, according to a Rome report quoted by the Swiss radio yesterday.

The report added that their successors have already been appointed. — Reuter.

Thailand 'Planes In Action

An announcement by Admiral Decoux's headquarters in Hanoi mentions bombing by Thai planes at various dates from January 6 of Savannakhet, Pakse, Paksong and Stungtreng, while Savannakhet, in Laos, was also bombed by Thai artillery on January 7, French artillery replying.

The same day Mongkol Borey was bombed by Thai planes, wounding several civilians.

At Sisophon the hospital was damaged.

The announcement adds that measures of reprisal have been taken.

Headquarters deny a report carried by a Japanese news agency, quoting an American agency, that the Indo-China Government is transferring from Hanoi to Saigon. — Reuter.

Tobruk is being steadily pounded and British land forces have already closed round it to the west. Tobruk is, therefore, invested.

It may fall within a week, if the capacity of resistance displayed by the Italian troops at Sidi Barrani and Bardia is any criterion, and it will probably not be many weeks before Ben Ghazi meets the same fate.

Nor is this the only part of Mussolini's short-lived African Empire.

Prospects of a British invasion of Abyssinia from Kenya, in which British and Empire troops will take part—aided by guerilla warfare conducted by Abyssinian troops—have been mentioned in American reports.

The latter has now begun. Abyssinians have driven the Italian garrison from a post in the north-west and are seriously menacing its retreat.

As the Italians never dare to establish a small post it is very likely that the fate of more than 1,000 Italian soldiers is in the balance.

R.A.F. Support

If they are cut up by the Abyssinians it will not be their loss alone which is of real importance. Such a success will be a sign and invitation to Abyssinians to rise all over the country.

It is all proof of how closely Britain is cooperating with them and how thorough have been British preparations for launching this kind of warfare that the Air Force is working with the Abyssinian army and is giving it very material support.

We must not let satisfaction with the great gains obtained and which we are still making in Africa blind us to the broader strategic field of this war. The possibilities of various moves open to Hitler must never be overlooked.

Rigours Of Winter

The rigours of winter may restrain him from moving his armies through the Balkans—a bold and united front of those States will have an even greater restraining effect.

An attempt to invade Britain must also wait for better, and more settled weather, but one move which Hitler must make at any moment is an invasion of Italy itself, probably with the consent, reluctant though it may be, of Mussolini and his advisers.

The Risk

Occupation of Italian ports, perhaps as far south as Bari, Brindisi and Taranto, would be an act which would cause Britain to take immediate action in various directions in the Mediterranean Basin.

For all these reasons it is important to put the Italians out of action as quickly as possible in North Africa and Albania.

The risks of an early advance on Ben Ghazi, if there are any risks in dealing with the Italian army in Libya, may well be justified. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the unit provide three types of food storage: a dry all-purpose compartment for meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables; a moist compartment for quick freezing of meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables; and a third compartment designed for cooked meats, poultry, and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and vitamins. The moist compartment is powered by a special air for quick freezing and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

CAROL HUNGER STRIKE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ex-King Carol of Rumania has threatened to go on hunger strike immediately if he does not get permission to leave Spain, according to the London "Daily Express" yesterday in a report from Lisbon.

The despatch quoted Carol and his mistress, Madame Lupescu, as having told friends: "I am desperate. If I do not get a favourable reply to my application to leave Spain I'll go on hunger strike."

It is not known where Carol wishes to go but recent rumours said he and Mme. Lupescu were planning a journey to the United States if they obtain the necessary papers. — International News Service.

Dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely, usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of flavours.

Another advance in refrigeration is the new steam refrigerator. On the first door, which is in shelves to hold food, most frequently used and difficult to reach, is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

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Pre-Entry Training Scheme For The Royal Air Force

INDO-CHINA BORDER CLASHES CONTINUE

Indo-China frontier guards routed a Thai detachment at Ampil, 12 miles north-east of Poipet, according to a Havas message from Hanoi received in Vichy yesterday.

The message adds that French aircraft bombed two towns in Thailand as reprisal for raids by Siamese planes on Donchene, in Indo-China. —Reuter.

BURIAL OF CHIEF SCOUT

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, was buried yesterday afternoon in the tiny cemetery at Nyeri, in Kenya.

The funeral was carried out with full military honours befitting Lord Baden-Powell's rank as Lieutenant-General.

Lady Baden Powell was not present as she had been obliged to go into the country to rest after the strain of nursing her husband during his illness.

The British Government has made an offer of burial in Westminster Abbey but the question whether the offer will be accepted or the remains transferred to Gilwell (the Scout centre in Britain) will not be decided until after the war. —Reuter.

Invitation To Boys Of Sixteen

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE INAUGURATION OF NATIONWIDE PRE-ENTRY TRAINING FOR THE R.A.F., PROVIDING EDUCATION AND SERVICE TRAINING FOR BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18 YEARS, WAS ANNOUNCED BY SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY FOR AIR, YESTERDAY.

"We are making a broad highway into the R.A.F.," said Sir Archibald, "which will be open to young men who have every kind of education and experience, even those who have abandoned their education at an early stage."

REPRISAL ARREST

His characteristic loyalty has landed Sjoerd Gerbaandy, son of Holland's exiled Premier, in a Nazi gaol in Holland.

"Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, related yesterday that the Nazis ordered the arrest of Gerbaandy as a "reprisal arrest" but their quarry was so effectively sheltered that they had to arrest his friend as hostage.

When Gerbaandy heard his friend was arrested he surrendered and is now in prison, where one of his companions is the son of Van Boeklestein, Minister of Education. —Reuter.

It is estimated there are in Britain about 700,000 boys between these ages to whom the scheme will be open.

Provided they are physically fit and desire to serve eventually in the R.A.F. or the Fleet Air Arm—either as members of air crews or ground staffs—for the need to meet the requirements of recruitment and an essential reservoir of reserves is as important in one direction as the other—they will be eligible to join the scheme.

Schoolboys from Elementary as well as Secondary and Public Schools and young artisans from all walks of life will equally benefit by training in air subjects.

Cadet Corps

Foundations of the Corps will be existing squadrons of the Air Defence Cadet Corps, the air sections of School Training Corps and University air squadrons.

These last squadrons are being re-established and increased in number to include universities in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Essential "homework" to enable the young men of Britain to take the "two great hurdles"—as Sir Archibald described them—high physical and education tests—before entering the air war, will be provided both on a school and local country or area basis.

Period of training will be nine months after which the trainee will return to school or occupation and wait to be called up.

New Director

New Director of Pre-Entry Training at the Air Ministry will be Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Headmaster of Uppingham School, and Air Commodore J. A. Chamier will be Commandant of the Corps.

As Air Marshal A. G. R. Garrod, Air Member for Training on the Air Council, remarked yesterday: "It may be the young men of 16 to-day who will tip the scales" when they enter the R.A.F. in 1942, if the war goes on that long.

It will even be within the discretion of local committees to admit boys of 15 years. —Reuter.

MUSLIM PRAYERS

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE ANNIHILATION OF FASCISM AND NAZISM WERE OFFERED BY MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT INDIA AT THE FEAST OF IDULZUHA ON WEDNESDAY.

Prayers for the safety of the Muslim countries in the Near and Middle East were also offered, while in Bhopal additional prayers of thanksgiving for the vic-

CASUALTIES ON CHINA GUNBOAT

British naval losses in operations off the Libyan coast in the river gunboat "Aphis" comprised two ratings killed; a Chief Petty Officer died from wounds, and two seamen wounded.

These, as already announced by the Admiralty, were the only naval casualties during the bombardment of Bardia. —Reuter.

NORWAY'S QUISLINGS WARNED

The Norwegian Government in London yesterday issued a statement declaring null and void appointments made by the authorities in German-occupied Norway without regard to established laws.

It was authoritatively stated in Norwegian circles in London yesterday that newly-established posts in State or Municipal governments will be subject to review when the legal Government is re-established in Norway.

Appointments, due to political motives or other improper reasons will be annulled and possessors of such posts and those who appointed them will be held to account for their actions.

The Norwegian Government also declared that the confiscation of private property in Norway is null and void without a proper legal basis and that property thus seized will have to be returned to its former owners. —Reuter.

BREN GUN CONTRACTS

Two contracts for the manufacture of Bren guns have been placed by the Canadian Government, stated the newspaper "Ottawa Journal" yesterday.

The contracts were placed with the John Inglis Company after cancellation of the single contract which the company hitherto held.

The "Ottawa Journal" considers this move indicates that the company's factory will be operated "under public ownership," and states that Government made the new contracts retroactive "to the very beginning of the Bren gun enterprise."

Included in the contracts are Brens both for the British and Canadian Governments. —Reuter.

Losses of the British Imperial forces in the Western Desert were offered. —Reuter.

Burma Railway Project

Construction of the western section of the Burma Railway must proceed according to the wishes of the British Government, it was stated in Chinese circles in Chungking to-day commenting on the Rangoon report that construction on that section of the line is about to begin.

The immense importance of this railway to China cannot be over-estimated, it is emphasised.

While construction of the entire railway is likely to take from four to six years, owing to the immense natural difficulties in the way of its completion, two-thirds of the distance, only 327 kilometres, would considerably mitigate transportation difficulties and delays between China and the outside world and would greatly speed up the export trade, thereby improving China's financial stability and fortifying her powers of resistance.

The Burma Railway at present is planned to intersect the Burma road, thus cutting off 635 kilometres between Yunnanfu and the Burma frontier. —Reuter.

ADMIRAL SINKS TO LOW DEPTH

Observations of Admiral Platon, Marshal Petain's Colonial Minister, in an interview yesterday that Britain wished to appropriate French colonies so as to use them as bargaining counters if a compromise peace was offered her, have been noticed with regret in authoritative quarters in London.

These quarters point out that the Admiral has reproduced—apparently as a matter of personal opinion—the deliberate line of propaganda which the Germans have been fostering since the collapse of France.

It is recalled that the Prime Minister, in his broadcast to the French nation on October 21, made it abundantly plain that there was no foundation of truth in this line of propaganda.

Mr. Churchill said: "Don't imagine, as the German-controlled wireless tells you, that we English think to take your ships and colonies. We don't covet anything from any nation except respect." —Reuter.

JAPANESE MISSION IN BERLIN

A JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION WAS TO ARRIVE IN BERLIN LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO A GERMAN RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT.

Headed by General Yamashita the mission is expected to remain in Germany some time, and extensive contacts in the military sphere are expected as provided under the Three Power Pact, the announcer added.

The delegation travelled via Russia. —Reuter.



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ITALIAN AIR FORCE BADLY HIT

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LIBERTY EQUALITY FRATERNITY

"My heart goes out to France in these days of her travail," said President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

He added "I pray that the French people may soon again enjoy the blessings of peace with liberty, equality and fraternity." — Reuter.

Italian Tribute To R.A.F.

No force in the world could have stood up to the merciless pounding of the R.A.F., state two Italian generals taken prisoner when Bardia fell.

The R.A.F. machines, they said, came over as regularly as the hourly chimes of Bardia's clock.

They admired the skillful way in which the British planes confined their attacks to the defences and did not wilfully destroy the town.

Other Italian prisoners also speak of the great accuracy of the British bombing.

Few targets of military importance remain in Bardia, although the town itself has been hardly touched. — Reuter.

PATCHING UP PEACE

HUNGARIAN-RUMANIAN DISPUTES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, STATED A REPORT FROM BUCHAREST TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Rumanian delegation will presumably be headed by M. Valerian Pop, with the Iron Guard press chief, Alexander Randa, as his deputy.

The delegation will be divided into seven sections. — Reuter.

CHOICE FOR MEN OVER THIRTY

Men over 30 years of age, and due to register under the Military Service Act on January 11, on January 18, may apply for vacancies in the Civil Defence Forces in lieu of military service.

This was announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, yesterday. He stated that the vacancies concerned are in the Auxiliary Fire Services, first aid parties and the Police War Reserve. — Reuter.

THE R.A.F. AGAIN CAUGHT THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE NAPPING AND STRUCK WITH REMORSELESS ENERGY AT SQUADRONS OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AT THEIR BASES, SAYS THE LATEST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique says: "Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. continued on Wednesday their intensive bombing of Italian aerodromes and landing grounds in eastern Libya.

"El Gazala, Martuba, Tommi and Genina were all heavily attacked, and in addition Ben Ghazi and Tobruk were raided.

BOOMING GUNS GREET MR. HOPKINS

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, arrived in London last evening; he declined to make any statement at present concerning the nature of his mission.

The air raid alert was in force and guns were booming when Mr. Hopkins arrived at the main line railway station.

The platform was barricaded and guarded and no members of the general public saw him.

Mr. Hopkins, who was accompanied from the port of disembarkation by Mr. Churchill's Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr. Brendan Bracken, was greeted at the station by Mr. Herschel Johnson, of the American Embassy, and representatives of the Foreign Office, the Admiralty and other Government departments. — Reuter.

200,000 GERMANS IN POLAND

About 200,000 Germans have now settled in Polish territory which has been incorporated into the Reich, according to figures available in Polish quarters in London last night.

Almost three-quarters of the Germans recently repatriated from the Baltic States are now in Poland, while about 75 per cent of Germans formerly resident in Poland have been presented with 15,000 expropriated Polish farming estates.

Twenty thousand German minors have been transported to the Katowitz concentration camp. — Reuter.

INTERMENT CAMP SUICIDE ATTEMPT

An attempt to end his life was made by an inmate of the Chinese Soldiers Internment Camp in Argyle Street yesterday. The man, who was found hanging from a beam at noon, was cut down by fellow-inmates and conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital.

"At Martuba our aircraft carried out low-flying attacks on the aerodrome. Eleven Savoia bombers were set on fire and others badly damaged.

"Two Savoia bombers grounded at Gazala were also attacked, one of them being severely damaged and the other seen to be already unserviceable.

100 'Planes Bombed

"At Benina about 100 enemy aircraft on the ground were heavily bombed. Several of them were destroyed and others badly damaged.

"Seven Savoia bombers on the Tommi landing ground were seen to be burnt out."

A particularly heavy raid was made on Ben Ghazi. Four of five ships received direct hits and a number of fires were started in warehouses.

A further bombing attack was also made on Wednesday on Tobruk defences and other military objectives.

Italian convoys north-west of Girarabus were attacked both by bombers and fighters and considerable damage caused.

Submarine Base Bombed

The communique also breaks the silence on R.A.F. activity on Tuesday.

That night, as on the night before, Massawa, in Italian Eritrea, was the target of British bombers.

The communique states: "The power station and submarine base were selected for special attack. A number of high explosive bombs fell on the submarine base, starting a fire."

During daylight on Tuesday, as already announced from Athens, a successful raid was made on military stores and buildings at Elbasan (Albania) despite terribly bad weather.

Not a single aircraft was lost during the operations under review. — Reuter.

FRENCH IN BARDIA OPERATION

TWO BATTALIONS OF FREE FRENCH TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATIONS AGAINST BARDIA WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO REACH THE ROAD TO THE WESTWARDS, CUTTING OFF THE ITALIAN RETREAT IN THE DIRECTION OF TOBRUK, ACCORDING TO NEWS RECEIVED IN WELL-INFORMED FRENCH QUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The French repulsed one attempt by the Italians to escape, capturing a large number of prisoners, war material and supplies. Their ranks included many Spaniards (French colonial cavalry) who, following France's collapse, escaped from Syria into Palestine to join the British forces. — Reuter.

POLES EXECUTED BY NAZIS

Six more Poles have been executed by the German authorities for being in possession of firearms and concealing ammunition, according to Polish quarters in London yesterday.

A Polish peasant in Kalisz was sentenced to death for an attack on a German prison warden. — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

Chief activity on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was again confined to certain sections. Ralls were strong on a maintenance of provincial enquiry, together with speculative buying on dividend hopes. Kaffirs attracted a good deal of attention while oils, after making further headway, finished under the best on profit-taking. Elsewhere prices were quiet owing to attention being diverted to the three above groups. Gilt-edged were inclined to ease. Foreign issues were quiet but Chinese Loans were well supported. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

DE GAULLE MOVEMENT SPREADING

General De Gaulle, leader of all Free Frenchmen, was called a "great Christian leader" who gained his inspiration from the glorious Christian past of his country by Cardinal Himsley, Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday.

Every obstacle in the way of complete Anglo-French understanding and friendship should be removed and every explanation called for should be given, said the Archbishop.

Growing support for General De Gaulle in France is stressed by the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "Godesborg Post," who quotes the German paper "National Zeitung" as stating that "the French behave like victors instead of the vanquished."

Everywhere, officers and others express sympathy with General De Gaulle and some circles openly work against Germany, the Nazi paper complains. — Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR ALBANIA

The Italians have sent numerous reinforcements by sea and air across the Straits of Otranto to Albania, according to the correspondent of the French newspaper "Le Temps" on the Italian frontier yesterday, says Reuter.

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AN EPIDEMIC OF SCURVY has broken out in Holland, and the Dutch people firmly believe that Hitler's "grain and rye" loaf is responsible.

So sure are they that they have named the present acute form of the disease "broods-churft" or bread scurvy.

Messages reaching the "Vrij Nederland" (the Dutch newspaper published in London) indicate the great concern of the health-loving Dutch people, who state that dried Dutch bulbs, which are now unsaleable, are being ground down and mixed with flour supplied by the Germans.

Food Stocks Impounded

The widespread nature of this conviction caused the German authorities to issue a flat denial, but the Dutch persist in the view that ersatz material is being used in flour.

Food throughout Holland is by no means plentiful. Censored letters reaching the "Vrij Nederland" show that 20,000 people feed at communal centres at Utrecht daily.

Much of Holland's food stocks have been impounded by the German authorities, just as many thousands of Dutch workers have been transported to Germany.

This removal of workers from Holland forebodes to failure all present German efforts to organize Dutch industry for the German war effort, for in addition to the fact that there are no raw materials for war manufactures available, the voluntary Nazi labour service scheme in Holland is singularly lacking in recruits. — Reuter.

BLAST INJURIES — A WARNING

Warning of a danger that injury to lungs caused by bomb blast may go unrecognised and the accompanying shock be put down to other causes, is given in "The Lance", the medical newspaper.

The lungs can be damaged by blast without there being any injury to the body surface, but there may be delay before symptoms develop.

"In cases of asphyxia due to this cause," it is added, "the Schafer method (the usual method) of artificial respiration will prove not only ineffective but even harmful, and this will have to be made clear to first aid workers.

"When no adequate cover is available the effects of high explosive on the lungs can be greatly lessened by lying on the ground.

Clothing Tests

Three naval doctors who had examined twenty-seven victims of night explosive bombing found that in fifteen of the patients was "ballooning" of the lower part of the chest. There was no satisfactory explanation of this.

Dr. S. Zuckerman describes explosion blast tests on rabbit whose trunks were clothed in various thicknesses of rubber. They showed that it is the pressure wave of blast which bursts the lungs by its impact on the body-wall.

"They also demonstrate that this effect can be prevented, or diminished, if the body is clothed in suitable material which is able to take up and disperse the pressure wave."

T. U. CHIEF ON NAZI TYRANNY

A remarkable trade union indictment of Nazi tyranny has just been circulated among the British unions by Mr. John Marchbank, the railwaymen's leader. Describing the struggle as "a people's war," Mr. Marchbank says: "If there were ever any doubt about it, the tragic events of the last months have brought the truth home to working people."

Through the under ground channels of the international trade union and Socialist movement, Mr. Marchbank has received continuous information of the enslavement of the workers of Germany and the occupied territories. This information has proved that Hitlerism is a "slave system, more ruthless, complete and aggressive than any form of serfdom which existed in the Middle Ages. The tortures of the concentration camp and the Gestapo terrorise the people."

Mr. Marchbank continues: "Nazi tyranny extends to the inner life of the people. It sows suspicion, fear and hate in the very bosom of the family. None dare trust his neighbour with his innermost thoughts or speak freely even in his own home. The authority of the State, of the Nazi party or the ruling clique amongst its leaders is absolute."

Ensure Swift Supplies

"It is our war because the working people have flung their energies into the work of equipping the fighting forces, have surrendered for the time being vital safeguards of normal industrial life so that the war trades shall be kept in continuous production and to ensure swift and ample supplies of every essential weapon."

"It is our war, the people's war, because it will decide whether we are to live under Governments of our own choosing or be delivered, bound hand and foot, to tyrannical rulers who know no law except their own cruel caprices. In the countries under the heel of the dictators, men

ITALY IN FINANCIAL MORASS

Only 40 per cent of the year's expenditure will be covered by revenue under the Italian Budget, according to the Zurich newspaper "Stampa" yesterday.

Revenue during the next financial year is estimated at 29 milliard lire. For the previous five years deficits aggregated 80 milliard lire. — Reuter.

MOTHERS WIFELESS MEN

(By A Special Correspondent)
Mrs. Davie, a plump, silver-haired woman, has the job of mothering twenty-four husbands whose wives have been evacuated.

Before the war she was housekeeper to M.P.'s and other tenants of a block of luxury flats. Now she runs a husbands' hostel.

It is a house near Charlton Village, Blackheath, which has been loaned to Greenwich Borough Council by a doctor. There, for 34s. 6d. a week, a man can get a bed, breakfast, supper and amusements.

"It's a real home from home, and that's saying a lot," said Mr. John West, the first of the "odgers," to me.

With his fourteen-year-old son, Johnny, he works at Millwall Docks, cycling ten miles to work every morning and back at night. His wife and six of the children have gone to Northamptonshire.

It was supper time. "Usually, at this time of night and with the family away," he said, "I should be mucking about with the gas stove and dishes trying to get a meal together, and then carrying blankets to the public shelter."

"Instead of that, I can get a wash and sit down to a spread that makes your mouth water, and, seen as safely, here in the basement on a decent bed."

without conscience and without faith acknowledge no single right of free association, free thought or free speech. They deny to the people any voice in the framing of laws and decrees which affect their life and labour."

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Surprise Attacks By Thailand's Forces

SPARE WHEELS STOLEN

Before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Chu Wah-cheuk, 28, was sentenced to 160 days' hard labour for stealing spare wheels from four motor-cars, including one owned by Mr. A. C. Tribble, which was parked outside his residence at No. 3, Cox's Road, on December 31.

Admitting having returned from banishment, accused was given a further 42 days.

The wheels were recovered from a shop to which accused had sold them.

TRAFFIC CHARGES

Mr. D. H. Hamilton, of the Mercantile Bank of India, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when he was summoned for driving in a road closed to traffic on December 26.

It was stated that Mr. Hamilton drove car No. 3249 in Peak Road.

A summons against Gnr. J. Brown, Royal Artillery, for leaving his car longer than necessary outside the Wing Hang Building on December 27, was dismissed owing to lack of evidence.

IN CAMBODIA, Thai aircraft dropped bombs on Sisophon and on another Indo-Chinese border town, killing two and wounding 11, it was stated in a Saigon radio broadcast.

In addition Thai troops made surprise attacks and raids on Cambodian territory.

RICE PROFITEERS IN SHANGHAI

To check the skyrocketing of rice prices in Shanghai, the Shanghai Municipal Council is investigating the stocks of various rice shops and their buying and selling prices.

The manager of the Ta Teh Rice Shop on Chekiang Road was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment on a charge of selling Saigon rice above the prices fixed by the S.M.C. - Central News.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure has decreased quickly over Manchuria, owing to the approach of a depression from the westward; it remains moderately high over the Yangtze Valley.

A depression is still situated over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

During the night of Tuesday French aviation carried out severe reprisals on various parts of Thai territory, the communique adds.

Reports from Bangkok that Siamese troops had entered Indo-Chinese territory, penetrating as far as 15 miles inland, with French troops withdrawing, are described in Saigon as completely untrue.

"From time to time Thai patrols have crossed the French frontier and sought to kidnap native families and draw them into Thailand territory.

"Every now and then these patrols made contact with our troops and hurried back to their own territory but on no occasions have French troops withdrawn before Siamese attacks."

Latest Communique

The Thailand army is advancing steadily into Cambodia, most westerly province of French Indo-China, according to the latest High Command communique.

Fighting proceeding is stated to be on a scale greatly in excess of recent frontier skirmishes.

Ninety Thai aircraft supporting the land forces have made a series of intensive raids covering almost the entire province of Cambodia.

The communique announces that the French have abandoned their defence lines and have withdrawn far into the interior.

One of the heaviest attacks was made on the town of Sisophon, 30 miles from the frontier. A large part of the town has been set ablaze though here the raiders encountered heavy A.A. fire from the French defences.

Siamese who crossed the frontier near Anyanya Prades, terminus of the railway from Bangkok, claim to have gained control of most of the highway to Sisophon. - Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SEES MARSHAL PETAIN

Admiral Leahy, the new United States Ambassador to the Vichy Government, had half an hour's talk with Marshal Petain yesterday afternoon, according to a Vichy report. - Reuter.

ITALY ROBS MALTA

Malta's financial loss through Italian banking default at the Banco di Roma is estimated at £430,000, with possible credits of about £11,000.

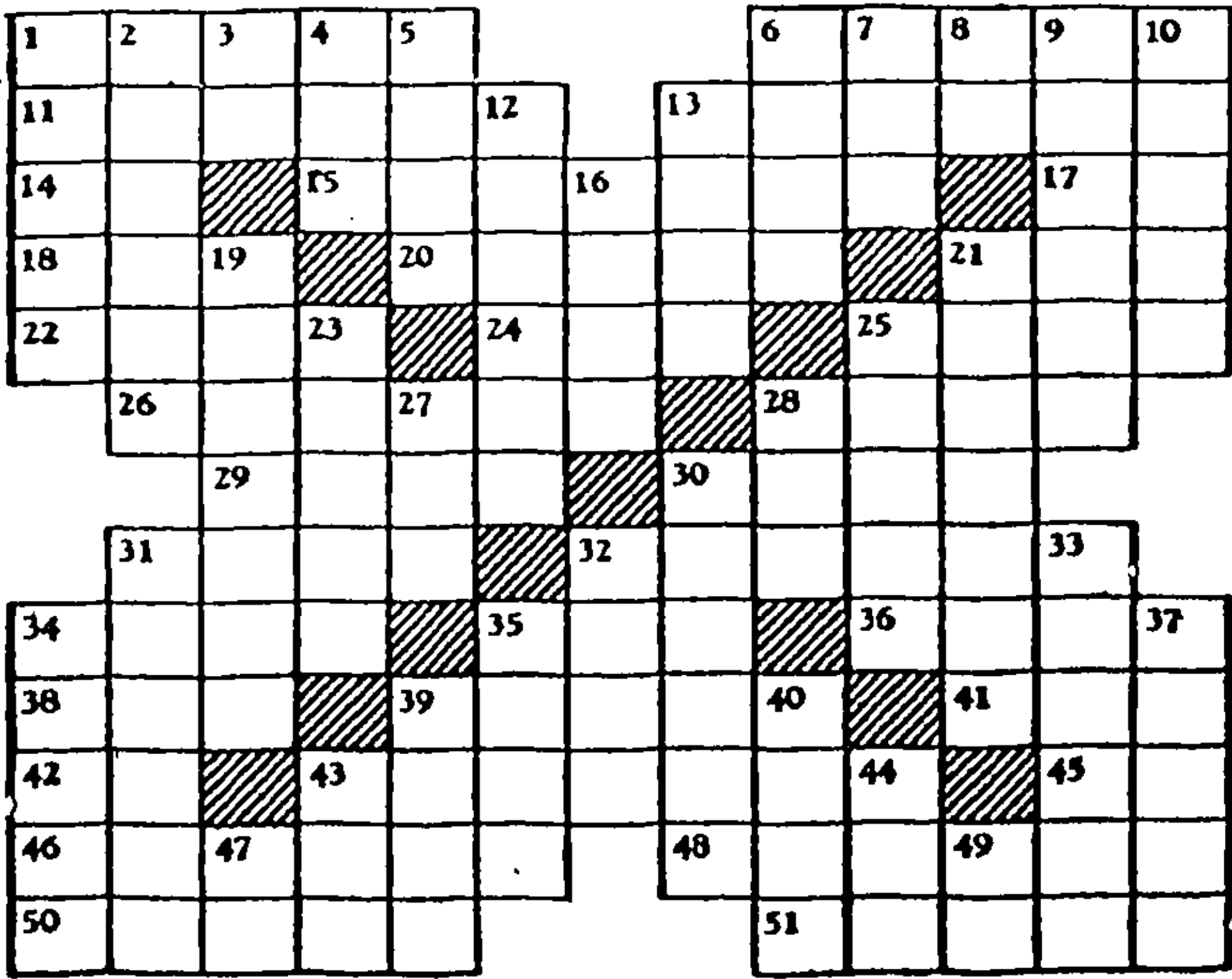
About a quarter of this money belongs to convents, religious funds and to priests. - Reuter.

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- 18 Corded fabric
- 20 One who conducts persons to seats
- 21 Slender finial
- 22 To slip
- 24 Adage
- 25 Entreaty
- 26 Mount on which Noah landed the ark
- 28 Package
- 29 Mohammedan governor
- 30 Hindu garment
- 31 On top of
- 32 Slender sewing-needles
- 34 Small valley
- 35 Meadow
- 36 River in Belgium
- 39 Ethiopian title

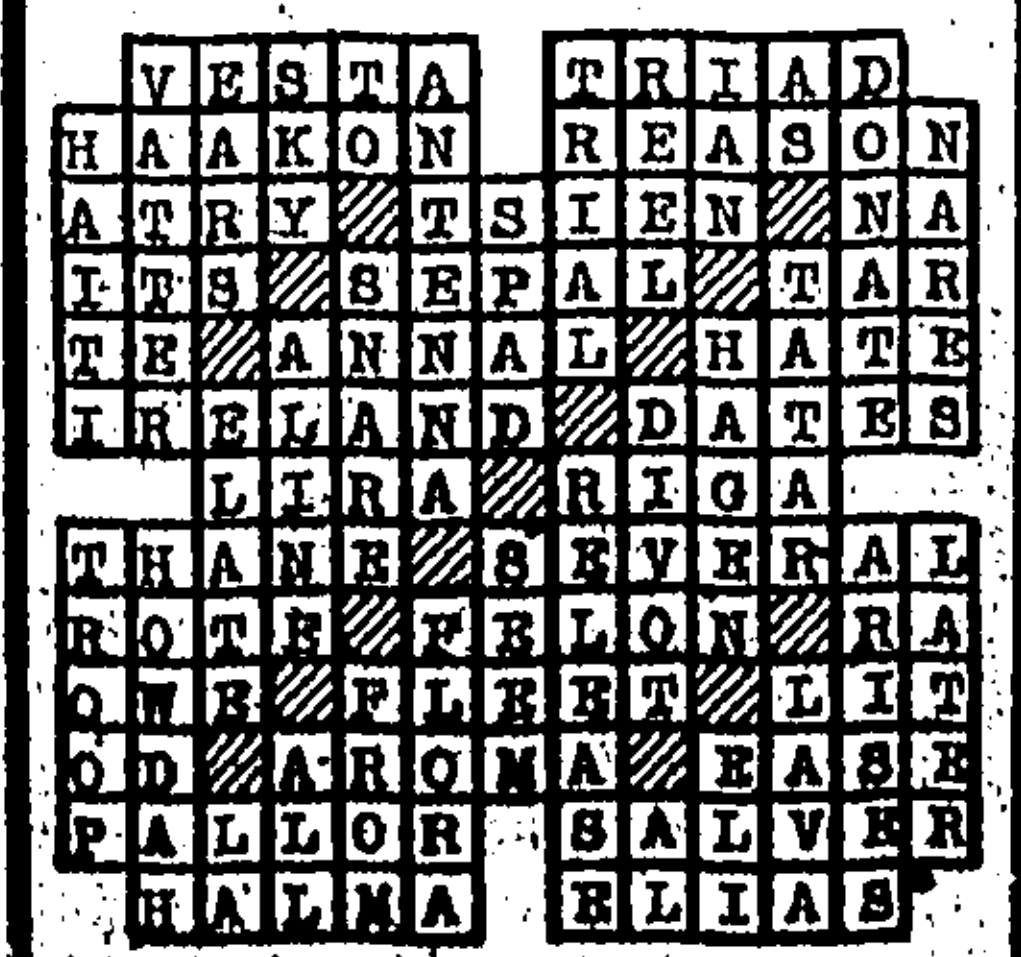
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- 1 Urges
- 2 City in Kansas
- 3 Mulberry
- 4 Pocketbook
- 5 Son of Isaac
- 6 Dutch colonist in South Africa
- 7 Conjunction
- 8 Four

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- 9 Wigwag (var.)
- 10 Country in Asia
- 12 Light-horse trooper
- 13 To masticate
- 16 Mountain pass
- 19 Brigands
- 21 Oval
- 22 Friend of Pythias
- 25 To evade
- 27 To tear
- 28 Cry of sheep
- 30 Plain in Palestine
- 31 Mountain range between Turkestan and Mongolia
- 32 To burn
- 33 Mother of Dionysius
- 34 Pasture
- 35 Italian coins
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- 44 Elongated fish
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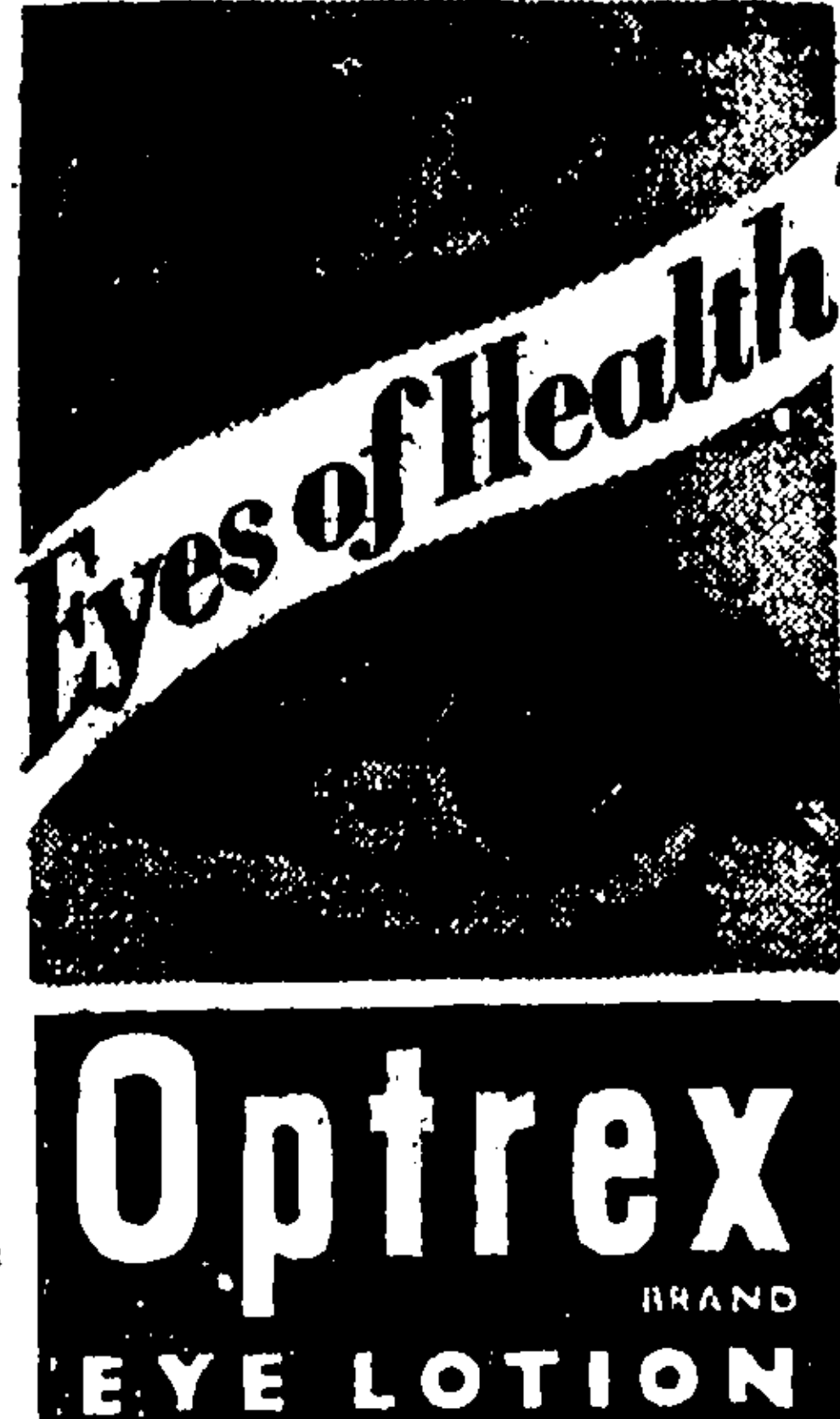
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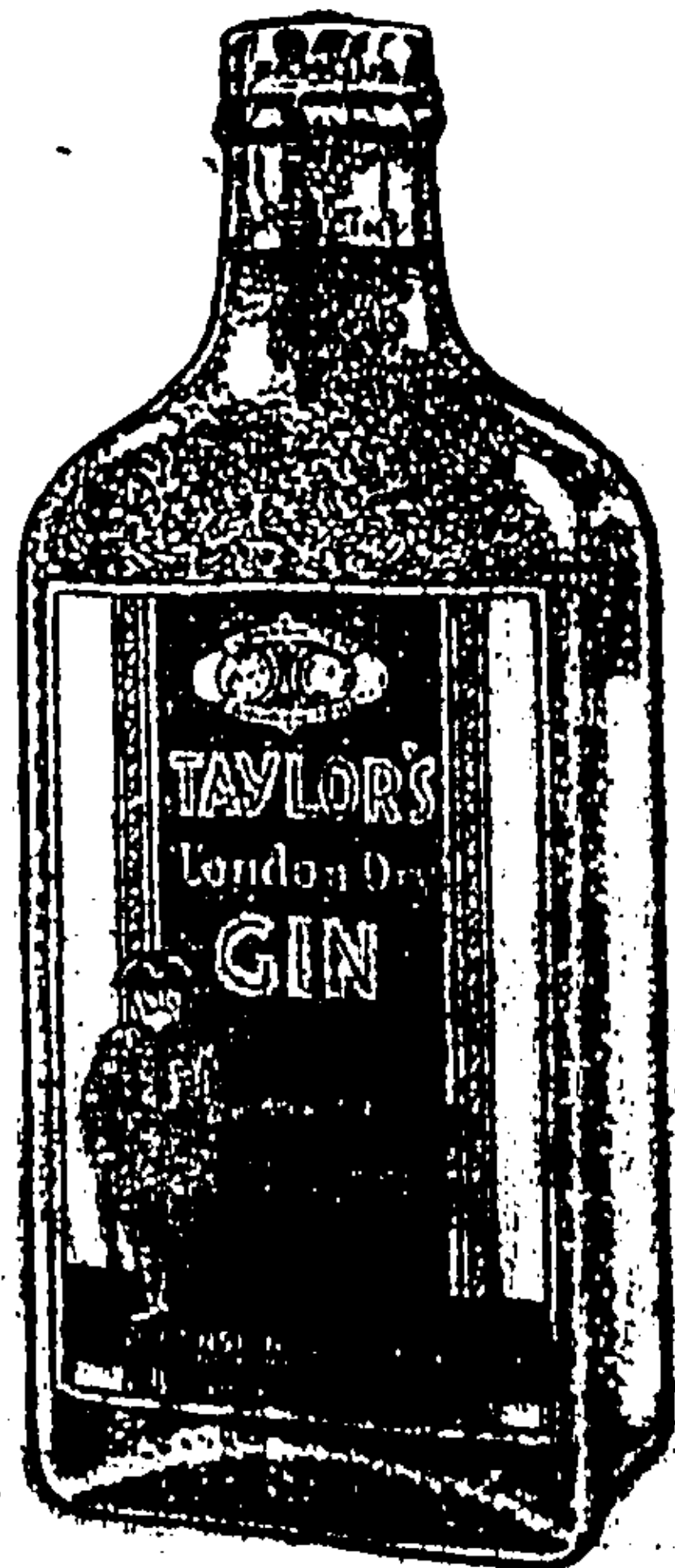
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CARIBBEAN ARMY COMMAND UNIFIED

FURTHER DEFENCE MEASURES WERE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING THE REVELATION ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FORMING THREE SEPARATE FLEETS WITH ALL WARSHIPS FULLY MANNED TO WAR STRENGTH.

Yesterday Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, stated that the United States Army Commands at the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean Sea are to be consolidated in order to strengthen the defences of the Western Hemisphere.

The existing Panama Canal and Puerto Rican departments and the new Trinidad base will be unified under the command of Lt.-Gen. Van Voorhis, Chief of the Canal Zone.

Mr. Stimson said that a unified command for the entire Caribbean area would increase efficiency, adding that centralised control of air defences was particularly desirable.

Official Silence

He declined to state when the new Caribbean Command would begin operations, what reinforcements would be sent to that area or the strength of units assigned to the new base in Newfoundland.

"What's the use of telling Hitler how many troops we are sending to the Caribbean?" Mr. Stimson asked.

He added "Hitler may have means of finding out but I am not going to help him." — Reuter.

RAID AID 'ON THE SPOT'

(By A Special Correspondent)
First "on the spot" van—it carries warm clothing, hot food, and four berths for people bombed out of their homes—is now in action. Presented to Westminster City Council by Councillor W. Stanley Edgson, the van will save time in helping victims of air raids.

When news is received of a family in distress the van, which will be driven and staffed by members of the Women's Voluntary Services, will go immediately to the spot.

So well is it designed that it will cater for all immediate needs, including a wash.

If the bomb victims want advice they can ask one of the helpers.

Then the van will take them to a rest centre, where they can stay until new homes are found.

OVERSEAS CHINESE DONATIONS

Over \$4,000,000 has been raised by the Overseas Section of the Friends of the Wounded Society which has just completed a campaign abroad.

The amount raised exceeds that collected by sections of the Society at home by three times.

The Overseas Section of the Society is headed by General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs. — Central News.

SHANTUNG STREET WOUNDING

Convicted of wounding Chan Tuk in Shantung Street on December 12, Yip Hoi, 25, and Leung Po-ling, 20, were sentenced to six months' and five months' hard labour, respectively, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning. Both accused were recommended for banishment.

MINISTER SAYS 'RAZE CITIES'

We should give the Nazis fair warning that we are going to raze a good many of their cities to the ground. Dr. John Short, minister of Richmond Hill Congregational Church, Bournemouth, told a church meeting.

"I think it could be justified on Christian grounds," he said. He urged retaliation for German bombing of non-military objectives and the machine-gunning of civilians.

"The time has come," he said, "when with our strength we should teach these bullies a lesson which will make them stop their terrorism in our midst."

"I don't think that it weakens a nation to stand up to bullies."

"I think it is bad psychology on the part of our statesmen to say, 'We shall not retaliate.'"

"The Nazi mentality will take advantage of our Christian scruples. The more I hear of women and children being mangled the more I feel this."

GERMAN EXPECTED DEATH

Hearing someone banging at his door and calling out in a foreign language Mr. Sidney Wrinch, of Erwarton, Suffolk, grabbed a shotgun and went to the door. Outside he found a Nazi airman, apparently an officer, covered with mud from head to foot.

"He appeared to be asking if he was in Holland," said Mr. Wrinch. "When I told him he was in England he looked very dejected, gave a cry of despair, and drew one hand across his throat."

As the Nazi did not speak English it took Mr. Wrinch and his family an hour to persuade him that they were not going to kill him.

One Nazi airman is still at large. He knocked on the door of a station-master's house early in the morning. The station-master's wife called her husband. Hearing the man cry, "Wait until I get my gun," the Nazi made off and has not been seen since.

POLICE H.Q. ROBBED

Mr. Anslow, store supervisor of the Police Headquarters, has reported the theft of 18 mattress covers from the store between Wednesday and yesterday.

Cocoa nut oil valued at \$40 was stolen from a shop at No. 36, Ginn Street, yesterday.

NO CHANGE IN CONSCRIPTION AGE

The widely forecast scheme to raise the conscription age in Britain to 45 was officially denied by the Ministry of Labour in London yesterday.

The Ministry announced that no proposal at present is contemplated for an alteration in existing age limits.—Reuter.

MOVE TO FORBID STRIKES

The question of possible Congressional action to forbid strikes which seriously prejudice the defence programme was discussed yesterday by members of the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington.

The matter arose on reports that a strike may begin immediately in the Ranger engineering division of the Fairchild Engine Aeroplane Corporation at Farmingdale, Long Island. This would delay a big Army and Navy order for aeroplane engines.

Representative Vinson, Chairman of the Committee, declared strikes and other things must stand aside and let the programme go through.

Representative Mott (Oregon) suggested Congress step in if manufacturers and workmen have not enough patriotism to get together.

Mr. Thomas, President of the Automobile Workers Union, stated he expected the strike to begin last night. It involves a question of wages. — Reuter.

KOWLOON DOCK LOSS OF RIVETS

A big-scale theft of rivets from Kowloon Docks recently by gangs not employed by the Docks, was mentioned by Det.-Sgt. A. E. Haynes when he prosecuted eight persons, including two juveniles, before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning for stealing.

Accused were all arrested at the Hunghom Ferry Wharf yesterday and a total of 400 pounds of rivets were found in their possession.

Sentences ranging from two weeks to three months' hard labour were imposed on the adults accused, and the two juveniles were bound over.

KOWLOON GAMBLERS

A "tse fa" gambling establishment in Kowloon City district was raided yesterday by police, under Det. Sgt. C. Dowman, resulting in the arrest of six persons and the seizure of a large number of "tse fa" lottery tickets.

Before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, five of the arrested persons were fined \$75, or two months' hard labour. One, who pleaded not guilty, was discharged.

A sum of \$70 found in the premises was ordered to be confiscated.

JUNK ROBBERY

Accused of robbing the occupants of an unnumbered junk, off Nine Pins Islands, on March 2, 1940, Lau Yin, 20, travelling trader, was remanded for three days by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

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EMPIRE WAR PLANS

It is not surprising that both in the Dominions and in our own country suggestions should have been made for the establishment of an Imperial War Cabinet. Every part of the Empire is far more deeply affected by the course and the issue of the present struggle than by that of 1914-1918. Empire contributions to the war effort come from largely increased resources and are much greater now than they were then. The year 1917 gave a memorable precedent for the meeting of an Imperial War Cabinet which added to the British members the Prime Ministers of nearly all the Dominions, and concurrently with it an Imperial War Conference was in session. Let us remark, however, that in 1940 no proposal for an Imperial Cabinet has emanated from authoritative sources in any of the Dominions.

At the end of 1916 Mr Lloyd George told the House of Commons that "the time had come when the Dominions ought to be more formally consulted as to the progress and course of the war," and this was the reason for the summoning of the Imperial Conference and Cabinet. We live now in a different world. The Dominions have a new status of full and free equality in the British Commonwealth of Nations. From the beginning of the struggle with Nazism they have been in the closest contact with the Government here. The Secretary for the Dominions meets the Dominions High Commissioners daily, and the High Commissioners have weekly conferences of their own to correlate the policies of their own countries. The Prime Minister also keeps in touch with the Prime Ministers of the Dominions and they with one another. Such a system would hardly be improved by the formation of an Imperial War Cabinet. In 1917 there was considerable difficulty in securing the presence of all the Dominions Premiers, and when they did reach London they could only stay for 14 meetings. The objections to their absence from the strenuous activities of their homelands would be much greater now.

Organisation of the Empire for war is already in an advanced state. The promises of Australia and Canada, typical of the other Dominions and Colonies and territories, for "an all-in war effort" and for "the maximum effort which is physically possible" are well on the way to fulfilment. Rapidly growing industrial resources have enabled the Dominions to add invaluable contributions of all kinds to the splendid reinforcements of man power and the wealth of raw materials which they send us. The Empire Air Plan, which has its home in Canada, is one of the most conspicuous examples of the cooperation of the whole British Commonwealth. As the chief link between us and the Western Hemisphere Canada has been of the greatest assistance in working out Empire policy. On the other side of the globe fuller mobilisation of the economic and industrial resources of the southern and eastern Empire lands will be developed in the conference at Delhi at which India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and African and Asian colonies are represented. With such proof of effectual consultation for the expansion of a united war effort there seems little reason to desire an Imperial War Cabinet. Perhaps we should rather say that such a Cabinet is actually, though not formally, in being by the association of Ministers in Whitehall with Ministers overseas, in complete unison of purpose and determination so to order their national affairs as to deploy for the battle of the Empire of Freedom every unit of power which their countries can develop.

In his chapter on war propaganda, one of the most famous and self-revealing sections of "Mein Kampf," Hitler declares that "the receptive powers of the masses are very restricted, their understanding feeble, their forgetfulness, on the other hand, vast."

The German people the predestined lords of creation, notoriously exhibits all these qualities to a degree which puts it in a class by itself, and no less pre-eminently in its own class stands Hitler's ability in exploiting them for his own purposes.

An instructive demonstration of his talents in this direction is being forced upon him by the necessity of explaining why the promised invasion of Britain is failing week after week to materialise. It has begun to take no less a form than the "debunking" of his own much vaunted patent and monopoly, the blitzkrieg.



Breaking War Speed Records

An example of this somewhat surprising departure was a recent broadcast in German from the Zeesen radio station in which, with reference to the invasion, it was asserted that "the period may be short or long, for, although the whole world associates Germany with the blitzkrieg, she is not anxious to break war speed records."

Now in the past blitzkrieg has always been understood to mean precisely the "breaking of war speed records." There is, in fact, no other meaning it can bear, and if Hitler is now trying to persuade the German people that it means anything else he must be relying for success on that "forgetfulness" of his countrymen's understanding which has served him so well in so many other respects.

In any case it must need an exceptional draft on the "forgetfulness" of the German masses to pretend that Germany "is not anxious to break war speed records." So long as she was in fact breaking them there were the most abundant evidences both of her satisfaction in achieving them and of her desire to go on achieving more.



Zero Hour That Has Tarried

After the campaigns in Poland and in Holland, Belgium and France exultation was at least as great over the speed as over the magnitude of the victories. Not only so, but after the fall of France there was any amount of boasting that the last and greatest of the war speed records was about to be accomplished before the eyes of an awestruck world.

On June 20, for example, two days prior to the French armistice, the "Deutschlandsender" announced that "in a few weeks England will lie on the ground as broken as France is now." On June 24 the Transocean News Cable proclaimed that "danger exists for England in that the Fleet remains blocked in its ports; and that naval war will not develop owing to the rapidity of the German action."

The statement that the British Fleet remained locked in its ports was hardly confirmed when, on July 3, the powerful French flotilla at Oran was engaged and put out of action. Propagation of the belief that invasion was imminent nevertheless continued unabated.

Bremen radio, for example, on July 10 declared that "the British Government of 1801 took the matter more seriously than the British Government appears to do now, although the menace at that time could not in any way bear comparison with the menace of to-day."

Five days later Zeesen radio told the German people that "although the exact minute of the attack is known only to the Fue-

Piping Down On Blitzkrieg Boastings

Hitler's Inventors of Illusions and Their Present Anxiety to Explain Things Away

By J. C. Johnstone

hrer, it is generally felt that there are only a few moments to go." Several months have passed, and to-day, in January, 1941, there is still no attempt to "leap the ditch."

There followed, on July 19, Hitler's Reichstag speech, with his "last appeal to reason," which was received in Britain with appropriate contempt. The sort of thing that was being written in the latter part of the month is typified in the opening words of an article on the New Order which appeared in the official Stuttgart organ of the Nazi party on July 28:

The peoples of the earth (we read) are still holding their breath and awaiting the annihilating blow which Germany will launch against the British Isles now that the money-bag tyrants, in their hypocrisy and criminal obstinacy, have rejected the Fuehrer's magnanimous peace offer. After the new Reich's demonstration of its armed might England will not get another chance.



Britain Blind To Her Doom

Her isolation, it was boasted, was no longer "splendid" but "hopeless," and "approaching doom" was the characteristic headline of the day.

No doubt at all can exist that the heavy air attacks against this country inaugurated on Aug. 11 and continued ever since were intended as the prelude to an early invasion. Nor can there be any doubt that at that time the German High Command was expecting to make a spectacular ad-

dition to its already impressive list of "war speed records" by the rapidity with which it would assert the mastery of the British skies.

What they actually got was a record in the speed of their own disillusionment. The wireless stations began piping down somewhat on their prophecies of invasion, but the Press remained confident as ever. Thus we find Theodor Seibert, a former well-known correspondent in London, writing in the "Voelkischer Beobachter" on Sept. 1 as though the smash-up of Britain were already a fait accompli.

"England," he said, "is like a suicide who has repeatedly pushed away the lifebelt when it was thrown to him, and who now, every time his head emerges above the waves, shouts filthy oaths at his rescuer. Never has a great Empire found its end in so crazy a melodrama, destitute of all greatness."



The Intoxication Of Success

Even as late as Sept. 19 there appeared in the Muenchner Illustrierte Presse the following caption to a picture of a British sand-bag redoubt on the Channel coast: "Reminiscent of the primitive structures of early 1915 can this stop an army for which even a Magirot Line presented no obstacle?" The page on which this appeared was entitled "General Bluff's Picture File."

In retrospect it looks very much as if Hitler allowed intoxication with his French successes to cloud his judgment; for in putting out

his over-confident propaganda about the invasion of Britain he violated one of his own fundamental canons of good war propaganda. In the aforementioned chapter of "Mein Kampf" he says you should never encourage your own side to under-estimate the enemy since a resulting disillusion may endanger its morale.

German propaganda in the last war, he avers, was guilty of this error to such a degree that "in the end Germans turned down everything they were told by their own side as 'swindle' and 'rot.'" Thus, he goes on, "German propaganda afforded us an incomparable example of how the work of 'enlightenment' should not be done."

It is not, of course, falsehoods as such that Hitler condemns, but falsehoods that are liable to be found out. So tight are his precautions against leakages of news into Germany from the outside world that his daily budget of lies is almost completely proof against detection except by the minority which takes the risk of illegally listening in to foreign stations.



Fuehrer's Haunted Dreams

But after all his strictures in "Mein Kampf," it is amusing to see his own propaganda machine struggling to escape from the toils of its false "enlightenment" in such matters as the invasion and the vaunted immunity from air attack. Is it altogether fanciful to imagine him just now beginning to be haunted in his dreams by those fateful cries of "swindle" and "rot"?

As the whole non-Axis world knows, it is the men of our Fighter Command who have so grievously disarranged his invasion plans, and it is from our point of view profoundly satisfactory to note the accumulating evidences of the disarray. Yet far be it from us to fall into the opposite error of assuming too readily that the invasion is "off." The half-million troops whom Mr. Churchill tells us Hitler has ready to throw on to, or into, the sea any night are not there for nothing, nor are they a mere General Bluff's armada.

Nothing would please Hitler more than to see us relaxing our vigilance in the comfortable assurance that the danger has passed. For all we know he may be awaiting the long nights and the autumn mists to take his chance, especially if he thinks he can catch us off our guard.



Invincibility A Lost Legend

It is one of the supreme merits of Mr. Churchill's methods that he never hesitates to tell us unpalatable truths and never encourages a false sense of security. It is likewise a tribute to our national character and institutions that we prefer a leader who openly acknowledges that he has "nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat" rather than one who flatters us with a facile but deceptive optimism.

For all the sheepish docility of the German people Hitler dare not address them in the terms just quoted. He has always to be offering them the contents of the cornucopia, and to be making them believe that new victories and greater glories are just round the corner.

His nimbus of invincibility has become the most important part of his political stock-in-trade; and though it is not yet by any means dissolved it has undeniably lost some of the fleecy gilt which appeared to adorn it in June. He is discovering, in fact, that invincibility can have its nemesis as well as its nimbus.

"It Must Feel Swell To Be British"

I have been sitting back to meditate awhile after receiving a letter from my American cousin. It has taken me some moments to recover my balance; for it rather took my breath away.

"Your R.A.F. is superb in performance and behaviour." "All America is crazy about your Navy." "It must feel swell to

By M. Watson

be British..." and a great deal more. My correspondent has the all-in enthusiasms of youth.

After a while I remember his earlier letters. The first one, written on the declaration of war, amounted to a three-page lecture upon the errors of Versailles. Not a severe lecture; written more in sorrow than in anger. I remember I replied meekly, admitting that Britain was not blameless. But, without comment, I tucked into the envelope cuttings I had preserved of excerpts from Lloyd George's defence of the Versailles Treaty.

We are not frequent correspondents, my cousin and I. The next letter came around Christmas time. There was strong sympathy in it for the Finns, and a veiled suggestion that they were a somewhat more spirited people than certain others engaged in the major war. There were a few compliments, however, especially about the battle of the River Plate. Otherwise, I gathered, the war was scarcely up to expectations.

I do not know what sort of Nazi propaganda was rife over there about that time, but my cousin was anxious to know if we were honestly fighting for democracy; could I assure him that no plutocratic strings were being pulled.

In March, when he wrote again, he reported that the Queen Elizabeth had reached New York and the Queen Mary had sailed from that port. So Britannia ruled the waves. But why were we so silent and secretive about everything? The ordinary American could not make head or tail of us. But they believed we were up to some deep laid schemes.

At the end of June came anxious commiserations, mention of food parcels, the offer of a home at the risk of crossing the Atlantic. He added, "If two cannot do it, can one?"

In his anxiety he wrote more frequently. By the end of July he talked of Britain being the American front line. He talked of coming over to don the kilt (he is of Scottish descent). Somehow our stock was rising—mainly because what news did come from Britain had proved to be all that could be believed.

August brought "the scores." That month's letter, just received, takes for granted that Britain is winning, and, furthermore, that Britain is the spearhead of democracy. And so, on the heels of the anniversary of the war, I read not a lecture about Versailles but "It must feel swell to be British."

Yes, I agree; it does.

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Compelled To Evacuate Guba

AN ITALIAN AERODROME 30 miles beyond Tobruk has been taken by our forces, while the Italians have lost two posts in Abyssinia, one being taken by Abyssinian patriots, the other by a British patrol.

A Cairo communique says that the Abyssinians have driven the Italians out of Guba while British forces have taken an enemy post north-east of Kassala, on the Sudan frontier. British troops have reached Gazala, 30 to 40 miles beyond Tobruk and captured the aerodrome.

The communique's mention of the Abyssinian patriots is the first time they have been officially mentioned since anti-Italian activity on a wide scale started in that country when Italy entered the war.

Guerilla Bands

Supported by the R.A.F., the Abyssinians forced the Italians to evacuate Guba and are now closing in around the fleeing Italians.

News of the flight of the Italians is bound to put fresh heart into the patriotic guerilla bands which have already done quite a bit against the Italians, for there have been reports of attacks on transports, raids on posts and the disruption of communications whenever possible.

"Patrol activity on the Sudan" has been mentioned quite frequently of late in official communique, and this activity has led to an attack on an enemy post north-east of Kassala. The Italians have evacuated from the post, which has been occupied by our own troops.

G.H.Q. Cairo announces that while preparations for the reduction of Tobruk are proceeding, our mechanised troops are now operating west of Tobruk.

More Explicit

An R.A.F. communique is a bit more explicit, and says that operations have now been extended as far as Gazala, on the coast over 30 miles beyond Tobruk, and that the aerodrome there has been occupied by our forces.

As in the case of Bardia, where 40 Italian 'planes were found on the ground, 35 Italian 'planes, in an unserviceable condition as a result of R.A.F. raids, were found on the field. The R.A.F. also reports that the weakness of the Italian air opposition in the Western Desert

operations has been largely due to our raids on their aerodromes. The Italians tried to make a fight for it on Sunday, just before Bardia fell.

R.A.F. squadrons and an Australian squadron welcomed the challenge and shot down 19 enemy 'planes.

We lost one fighter and one bomber. — Reuter.

POLES PREFERRED TO BOMB GERMANY

Three Polish pilots undergoing training "somewhere in England" were instructed to make a trial flight and to bomb a certain point in that area.

They duly took off, but nothing was heard of them for several hours. When they returned they reported that they had flown to Germany and discharged their cargo of bombs there.

The story of this exploit was related by Polish circles in London.

LORD HALIFAX ON HIS TASK IN WASHINGTON

LORD HALIFAX, speaking at the Pilgrims Club luncheon in London yesterday, said he could claim none of the special qualifications of personal experience of the United States which had made Lord Lothian an ideal Ambassador, but on the other hand, he thought there was no precedent for the advantage he enjoyed in passing directly from the counsels of the War Cabinet and the chair of Foreign Secretary to represent Britain at Washington.

Referring to this point, the Prime Minister said he hoped that Lord Halifax, when he returned to London at any time for consultation, would resume full functions as a Minister of the Crown.

Lord Halifax continued: "My duty, as I see it, will not be confined to the business of one way traffic in thought by interpretation of the United States to the British Government and people. Not less vital is the translation of British thoughts and purpose to the Government and peoples of the United States. Even's have indeed spoken more loudly than any words and have had the effect both of making the attitude of our people unmistakably plain and of bringing to the people of the United States the same awakening to the full significance of this struggle."

"Three things are necessary for victory — a good cause, material strength to support it and people with a spirit not unworthy of it. As to the first the issues have been restated with penetrating simplicity by President Roosevelt."

As regards material, apart from steady development in this country and in all parts of the Empire we are able to count on the increasingly massive industrial strength of the United States, the value of which it is impossible to over-estimate.

Of the spirit of our people it is hardly necessary to speak. Lord Halifax concluded: "There is no hope for a free civilisation unless the foundations of its life, new challenges

ed, can be secured. We are encouraged by the knowledge that the will to resist this German attempt to secure world domination is as strong on the other side of the Atlantic as here, and we do not doubt that achievement of our purpose is within the power of the English-speaking peoples." — British Wireless.

MINESWEEPING IS A CHANGE

AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN, CLIMBING OUT OF DEBRIS WHICH HAD SHOWERED OVER HIM IN A FASHIONABLE LONDON SUBURB, WAS APPROACHED BY A WARDEN.

They began to chat, and the American asked the warden if he ever became tired of his job.

"Sometimes," the warden replied, "but when I'm fed up a bit I get a few days off and go minesweeping."

This story is told by the Americans-in-Britain Outpost, in their current letter to America, as being typical of the "as yet unsung heroes of the battle for London" — the men and women of the Air Raid Precautions Wards.

WAR RATIONS FROGS

Because of the scarcity of frogs and toads, medical courses at Universities will have to be reorganised and text books rewritten.

Severe weather last winter killed off thousands of frogs and toads.

Supplies from the Continent are now cut off.

More than 150,000 frogs a year finish their careers on dissection tables.

"Frogs play a very important part in this study," the head of the zoological department of a Manchester school told a reporter "Dissecting them teaches medical students the structure of muscles, heart and nerves."

"Vast numbers of them were imported from France, Belgium and Holland before the war. So were salamanders, which made admirable substitutes. These, too, are now unobtainable."

If you find a frog in your back garden, catch it and sell it to a university or school. You will receive 4d.

BLANK CHEQUE FOR ROOSEVELT TO AID BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS LEARNED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT THAT LEGISLATION GIVING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT "BLANK CHEQUE" AUTHORITY TO HANDLE THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR LEASE AND LOAN TO BRITAIN PLAN WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The measure was approved in principle by President Roosevelt last night at a conference with eight Democrat Congressional leaders and seven Government officials, including five Cabinet officers and Mr. William Knudsen, chief of the Defence Commission.

Details of the measure were withheld pending introduction of the Bill because of certain revisions to be made by legislative drafting experts.

DEFENCE OF THE N.E.I.

The great changes which have come over the Netherlands East Indies since the outbreak of war and the loyal cooperation of the native population in defence measures were emphasised yesterday by Slotemaker de Bruine, who is on an official visit to Britain for the Dutch Colonial Ministry.

He stated that there is a growing demand by natives for a further measure of conscription to include natives (all Dutchmen in the East Indies between the ages of 18 and 46 are already conscripted).

Officers training schools are now open to natives who also are being trained as air pilots, gunners and observers, and many natives are proving as good as Dutch pilots.

Natives and Chinese are also participating actively in the local Defence Corps on the model of the British Home Guard.

Naval Strength

Economically, the East Indies are now part of the sterling block and the Dutch guilder is no longer accepted.

The Slotemaker pointed out that there is no need for any rationing in the East Indies and the 70 million population is almost self-sufficient.

Most of the Dutch Navy has always been based in the East Indies and is still there. All repairs can be done there and a few ships are being built.—Reuter.

FREE FRENCH SUBMARINE LOST

The Free French Forces announce that the French submarine Narwhal has been sunk by enemy action while operating with the Allied Forces.—Reuter.

It is reliably learned that the measure will simply authorise the President to proceed with the programme and will not carry appropriations.

In substance the Bill so far provides:

First, President Roosevelt will be empowered to control purchases of ships, tanks, guns and planes to be turned over to Britain, Greece and China through the War and Navy Departments.

Second, the President may enter into agreements with the embattled Democracies for payment in kind, either through replacements of materials after hostilities cease or in raw materials the United States needs in the defence programme.

Congress Position

Third, armaments destined for the Democracies may be withheld by the United States in the event of any of them quitting the war.

Virtually the only restrictions Congress will have over the programme as now drafted is the amount of money to be appropriated, and through a provision requiring that in negotiations some form of repayment be stipulated.—International News Service.

WARNED OF RED CAUTION

Warning to the Turkish people not to expect any dramatic move by Moscow was given in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus."

The editor who wrote this seemingly inspired article referred to two recent denials from Moscow.

The first contradicted a report that Russia favoured a grouping of Britain, Turkey, the Soviet Union, Greece and Yugoslavia. The second denied the German statement that Russia had been told in advance of the Nazi move into Rumania.

"There is no doubt that these denials, particularly the second, open the way to fanciful forecasts," said "Ulus."

"The Soviet Union, in face of the struggle which threatens to become world-wide, is concerned only with her own interests."

In Ankara this article is regarded as an authoritative declaration that the Turks should not be too confident of Soviet aid should Turkey become involved in war.

BOMB-PROOF PANTS

From a house wrecked in a raid on the outskirts of London a bedstead was flung over another building and across two gardens. It landed on its legs, in a front garden—

With the bedclothes still in place and a pair of neatly-folded trousers still hanging over the back.

LEND AND LEASE PROGRESS

President Roosevelt summoned Democratic leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives to a conference yesterday afternoon on legislation to give him virtually unlimited authority to lend and lease war material to Britain and other nations warring against the Axis.

It is believed the meeting has paved the way for the introduction of a Bill in Congress to-day.

One high authority stated the measure makes possible future appropriations in any amount which Congress may vote, delegating to the Government the fullest responsibility for handling "lend and lease" aid to the Democracies.

A member of the Administration told the press yesterday they were working hard on plans for releasing aeroplanes to Greece, and added: "We hope to do something soon".—Reuter.

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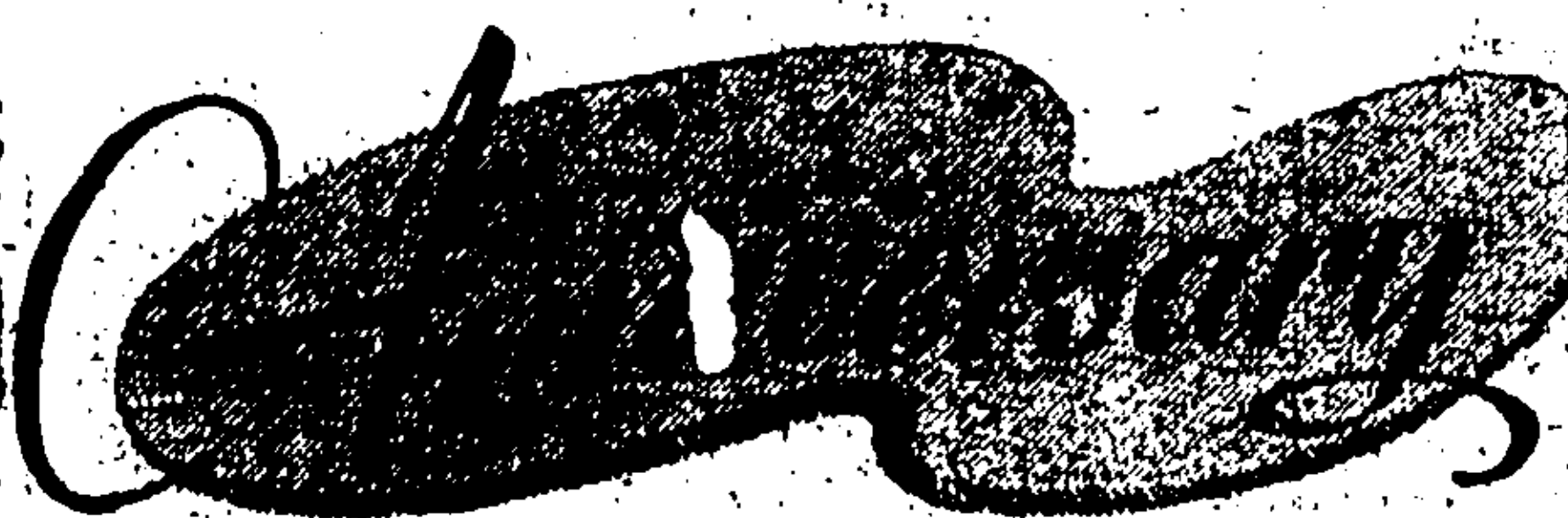
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LUCID BIDDING

By The Four Aces

Partnership cooperation is best assured when each gives the other a clear picture of his hand, as in to-day's hand.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 4 3	♥ A Q 7 2	♦ A J 3	♣ K 9 6 2
♠ K J 9 5	♥ 10 9 8 6	♦ Q 7 3	♣ A Q 10 8
♠ 4 3	♥ 10 9 8 6	♦ Q 7 3	♣ A Q 10 8
♠ 4 3	♥ 10 9 8 6	♦ Q 7 3	♣ A Q 10 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Many players would have bid two hearts, or perhaps two clubs, instead of two no-trump at North's first opportunity; but two no-trump had the virtue of showing a fairly precise amount of strength scattered though at least three suits. South immediately decided to explore slam possibilities since his opening bid would have been sound even without any strength in the red suits. With two Kings and a Queen more than he needed for an opening bid, South was quite justified in hoping for more than game.

South's first step was to show the rather shabby heart suit; and North promptly and properly raised to game, thus showing four-card support. Thus far, South had found out about the heart fit but had not made and slam suggestion. That was done by means of the five-club bid; and North encouraged the slam by the control-showing bid of five diamonds. Now South bid five no-trump to indicate that his suits were not particularly long and that he was perfectly willing to let the hand play at no-trump if North had any doubts about the hearts.

North, of course, had no reason to shy away from the heart suit, so bid the slam in hearts. He had more than a minimum for his bidding up to that point; and his hand contained two Aces—a great help in the play of a slam.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you held:

♠ 6
♥ K J 7 5
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K Q 9 3

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♠	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. This is a pretty weak hand for a Takeout Double; but your distribution is good and you are unlikely to be badly hurt at your partner's best suit. If you pass, the chances are that your partner will be shut out of the bidding and the opponents will make a cheap game.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 610

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you hold:

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ Q 6
♣ J 10 8

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maler	You
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Revised by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's about ready to go for a skate he means he's out gunning for someone.

WALL FALLS ON RESCUERS

Ignoring a warning that a wall was likely to collapse, A.R.P. men dug under the wreckage of a bombed London tenement building to rescue a number of people who were trapped.

They had not been at work long before the wall did collapse and they were buried. They were soon dug out by their comrades, but several were seriously injured. Eighteen of the flat dwellers were also extricated, but some were dead.

Fire added to the difficulties of the rescue workers and it is thought that some people are still buried beneath the smouldering wreckage. There were about 150 people in the building, which was wrecked by a direct hit.

One woman, who was in an upper flat, was trapped under the roof when the building collapsed.

Family Trapped

Rescuers made a hole through the debris to her and got her safely out after two or three hours' work. She assisted by giving directions. She sent a message later to say she was O. K.

Rescue squads and members of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps were still at work trying to find a mother and her three children, named Chapman, who are thought to be trapped beneath the debris of another block of tenement flats.

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only people in the building, as all the other residents were sheltering.

Mrs. Chapman's husband, a d. worker, was on duty at the time.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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10 HELD UP ROOF BY HAND

Ten men held up with their hands the roof of a collapsing house in a Home Counties town while children were rescued from the debris during the London area's longest night raid.

The roof had to be held up when two bombs demolished several houses.

A mother and child who were sleeping on the first floor were blown from their beds through a window on to the front garden.

Hundreds of London school-children have been evacuated to the area, which had its worst bombing of the year. More than thirty Council houses were made uninhabitable and several were demolished.

Soldier Killed On Leave

Two heavy bombs were dropped by a raider, who came down very low.

So far three deaths have been reported; two children and a soldier who was home on a night's leave. Several people were injured, some seriously.

A warden who walked in the darkness, into several feet of water in a bomb crater, was rescued with difficulty.

German raiders came over in small groups rather than in "Indian file," and attempted to penetrate the capital's defences from many different points. They were again met by an intense barrage.

In one two-hour period nearly one hundred enemy planes were over Britain at various times.

Liverpool and other Merseyside towns experienced the most widespread attack for some time, but damage and casualties were slight.

A.T.S. Victims

In the London area three A.T.S. girls were killed in a lorry when a bomb fell a few yards away from them.

A baby sleeping in a car in a garage was killed when the garage was demolished. The mother was in a nearby doorway.

Put for a previous raid more than 200 people would have been killed at a London school which was bombed.

A fortnight ago fire bombs destroyed part of the roof, and 200 homeless East Enders who were staying there were removed elsewhere.

"It was God's mercy," the caretaker said. "It's a certainty that everybody would have been killed."

Four men — Home Guards and A.R.P. workers — were trapped in a shelter beneath debris when a bomb struck a building. Mechanical excavators were used in the hope of saving the men.

DIPLOMATS OF THE FUTURE

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour, revealed at the Trades Union Congress meeting in Southport that he was working to secure that after the war entry to the Diplomatic Service would be open to all classes of the community.

"There has been established, I think for the first time, a very close liaison between the Ministry of Labour and the Foreign Office," he said. "Its object is to get the Diplomatic Service in the future to move and have its being in a new environment and to recognise that the limited Court Circular society of the Chancelleries will never return."

"But if there is to be a reconstructed world it must be brought about by harnessing, utilising and catering for the rising masses of Labour to whom the future really belongs and who must be the dominant factor in the new democratic world."

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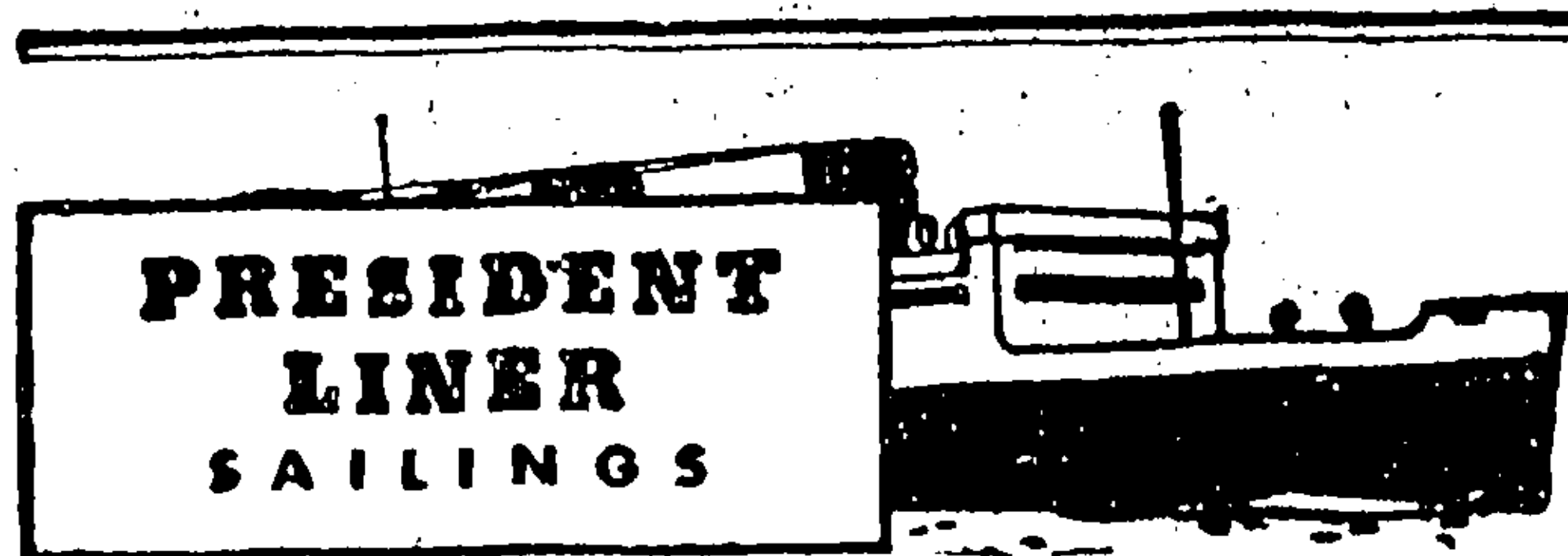
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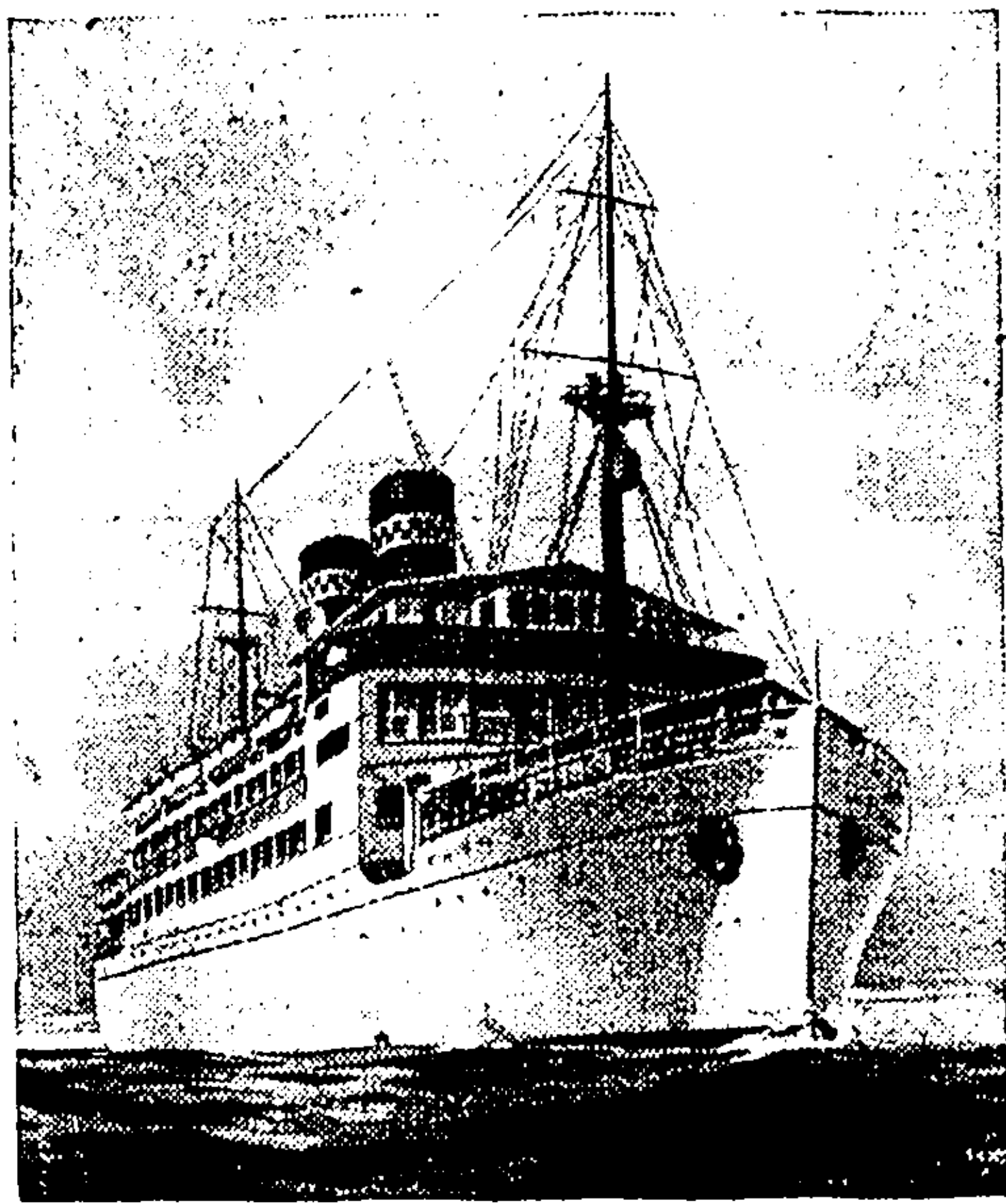
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2.00 p.m.—Songs by Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Dennis Noble (Baritone).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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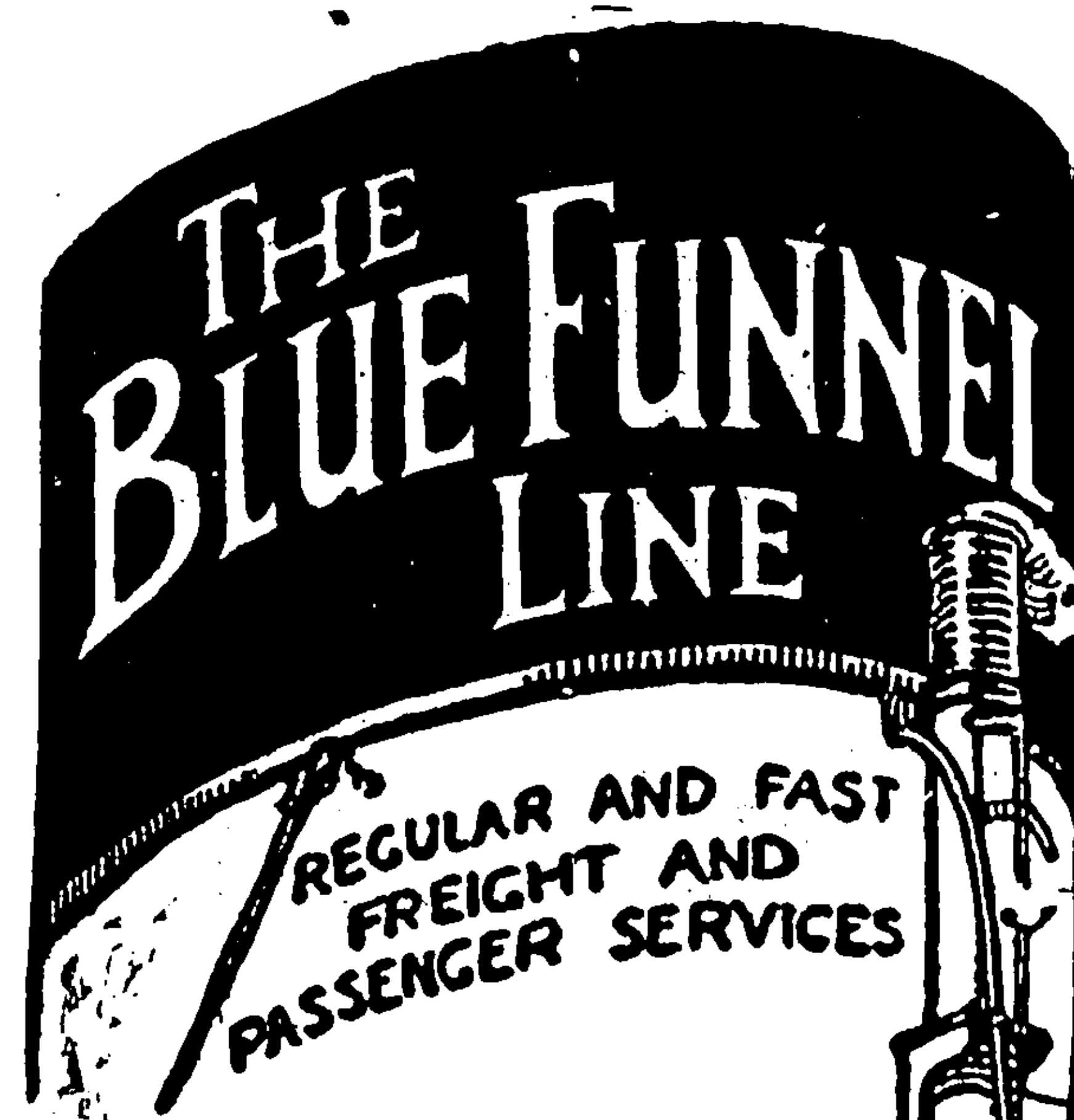
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Notable Badminton Results In Course Of The Week

University Certainties For Senior League

Grand Win Scored By King's College

By "Adrem"

SEVERAL NOTABLE results have been returned in League Badminton matches during the week, chief being the crushing defeat of Club de Recreio at the hands of the champions, University.

In this particular case it is not so much the fact that Recreio were beaten but rather the margin by which University accomplished the result.

University, in recent years, have consistently had the better of Recreio, although it was not such a long time ago that a meeting between the two teams was always a highlight of any season, a narrow margin invariably separating the two.

Nowadays, however, although the personnel of the two clubs is materially the same, the disparity in standards has become more and more apparent as University have progressively improved and Recreio have just as steadily slipped.

Colony's Best Player

K. W. Choy created a big impression at the Portuguese club on Monday and general opinion now ranks him the best in the Colony. Rumour has it that he is capable of owing Hui, former triple champion of the Colony, some five aces in each game.

The fact that he partners C. K. Lee, a good enough player but still probably the least expert of the six players in the side, and has not yet dropped a game, speaks much for his capabilities.

On paper the strongest combination in the team, Hui and Chew had to struggle hard in two of their games and, on the evening's showing, were rather fortunate to emerge with an unbeaten record. When Hui, however, gets back to fighting form, this pair should do better.

One of the most pleasing features

from the Recreio point of view was the promising form shown by A. M. Rodrigues, whose medical duties prevented him from playing very often in the League last season or even securing much practice. On the face of the fact that he and Oliveira very nearly beat Chew and Hui, it would appear that Oliveira had played brilliantly. This I learn was far from the case and I am told that Oliveira actually had a sorry evening and was never able to give of his best.

Remedios and young Goncalves did as well as could be expected and with more practice may yet develop into a useful combination. Carvalho and Silva gave the impression that they could do with a good deal more practice, while they would also be advised to make some effort to work up an understanding.

Thus early it is apparent that University are certain to win the League and chief interest in the future will be centred on the meetings between Recreio and Chinese Y.M.C.A., on which will depend the runners-up position.

Good Win

Big result in Wednesday's "B" Division matches was the defeat of Chung Wah by King's College. More meritorious is King's victory as one of their players K. H. Lo, was suffering from a leg injury and was practically a passenger, as is illustrated by the fact that he and Lam, who should have been good for one if not two games, failed in all three, leaving a big burden for the other two pairs to carry. This they did with great credit, Chan and Chung winning all three, and Woo and Liu two.

Chung Wah were disappointing but they should do better as they settle down and players such as Choy Wing-chiu get in more practice.

Notwithstanding a great effort by Bill Gillies, the former St. Andrew's player, and current Colony junior champion, who, with L. Gordon, won three games for Police, Kowloon Tong, who fielded a weak side, were able to win by 6-3. The suburban team, although indications at the beginning of the season pointed to them challenging strongly for the title, have been far from impressive to date and have lost one match, to Kowloon Cricket Club. Contrary to early reports, they have not received the support expected and unless they are considerably reinforced are not likely to do very much when they come up against the stronger teams.

Ko Fook-sing has not turned out for them as yet, however, while Peter Fletcher, who is on the convalescent list should soon be fit enough to play, thus strengthening the team a great deal.

Old Firm Again

It was again left to the veteran Fincher-Kew combination to achieve such success as was accomplished by St. Andrew's against their old rivals, St. John's. Fincher and Kew were the only pair to offer any real resistance although Pat White and Tomlinson did very well to carry Smith and Wilson the whole distance.

St. John's did not have the services of Henry Eardley but Kennedy proved a worthy substitute. Maynard and Ladd also did well to win two games.

Recreio had little difficulty against Jewish Recreation Club and won for the loss of one game. Jack Odell and Dotkin were the most impressive of the visiting combinations and won the only game secured by the visitors.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Royal Scots defeated Middlesex Regiment in the final game of their respective Small Units League by 9 points to 3.

Both sides played well, and the Middlesex were unlucky to lose, for they played a really fine game throughout.

The Royal Scots started off at a flying pace and kept up their pressure on the Middlesex's half, but they were unable to pierce the strong defence put up by Drum-Major Holdford and Pte. Thompson, who combined well together and were there when most urgently needed.

After 20 minutes' play the Scots scored a try through Marshall, but they failed to convert.

This lead was not held for long for Thompson scored the equaliser, for the Middies, who also failed to convert.

Neither side scored again this half.

In the second half the Royal Scots pressed hard and play was mostly kept in the Middlesex's half, and the Scots went further ahead when Bateman scored a try, but again failed to convert, making the score six points to three.

Towards the end of the game Nealon added another three points to the Scots' score and the final whistle blew with the Royal Scots qualifying to play the Royal Engineers in the Final to be played at Sookunpoo on January 21.

The outstanding player was Marshall of the Royal Scots and it was mainly due to his efforts that the Middlesex attacks were ineffective. Bateman, Stephenson, and Nealon also played well.

For the Middlesex, L/Cpl. Radley, Pte. Thompson, Drum-Major Holdford, Capt. Man, and L/C. Wilson played strenuously throughout. The services of Lieut. Weedon were badly missed.

Both the Engineers and Royal Scots maintained 100 per cent record.

Here are the final placings in the Small Units Leagues.

	P.	L.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	4	4	0	0	0	8
Middlesex Regt.	4	2	1	1	5	
8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	4	2	1	1	5	
Signals	4	0	1	3	1	
R.A.S.C.	4	0	1	3	1	

RIFLE SHOOTING

LAST Sunday Royal Scots held a rifle shoot which was very successful.

The Middlesex did well in the team shoot by beating 12 other entries with a grand score of 329. Their team consisted of Bandmaster Kifford (83), C/Sgt. Hale (89), Sgt. Baker (81), and Bds. Bolam (76).

C/Sgt. Hale's 89 is one of the highest scores ever recorded with an open sight rifle at the Kowloon Rifle Ranges.

BILLIARDS

THE Finals of the Garrison Billiards and Snooker Tournaments will be held at the Soldiers' Club on the following dates:—

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Garrison Challenge Cup—R.A.M.C. v Corps of Military Police.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Soldiers' Club Tournament—H.K. V.D. Corps v Royal Corps Signals.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Individual Snooker Championship—Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C. v Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Individual Billiards Championship—S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C. v Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

EXHIBITION MATCH

Garrison Billiards League Champions will play H.K.V.D. Corps in a six-a-side competition to be played at the Soldiers' Club on Friday, January 17, 1941 commencing at 6 p.m.

At the conclusion of this match the presentation of trophies to competition winners during the season 1940-41 will take place.

The following is the result of the semi-final match in the Soldiers' Club Tournament played between the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Royal Corps of Signals, which resulted in a win for the Signals.

	Pts.		Pts.
S/Sgt. Carden 194		Sgt. Lilley	200
Sgt. Chalcraft 112		Sgt. Brackenbury	200
Sgt. Murray 200		Sgt. Hutchins	105
Cpl. Smart 116		Cpl. Blount	200
S.S.M. Spiers 200		Sgt. Langley	178
Sgt. Adlam 180		Sgt. Pearson	200
S Sgt. James 200		L/Cpl. Pitcher	119
S Sgt. Norrell 123		Sgt. Allen	200

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* Breaks of twenty or over

HOCKEY

AT Shamshuipo on Monday the 24th Hvy. Bty., R.A. defeated "B" Company of the Middlesex Regt. after extra time by 1-0 in the Small Units Hockey knockout competition.

Royal Air Force beat the R.A.M.C., also by 1-0 at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, and the 17th A.A. Bty., R.A. lost to the Royal Engineers by 2-5.

In the Large Units competition the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. beat the Royal Engineers by two goals to nil.

NAVY WITHOUT BEATTIE

Following will represent Royal Navy against Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to-morrow on the Police ground. Boundary Street, at 4 p.m., and also against Police in the Quadrangular Tournament match on Wednesday, January 15:

Lt. Morahan; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul and A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Lt. Carter (Capt.) and Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson, Sergeant Manfield; C.P.O. Wtr. King, L.A.C. Stockham; A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Eager and S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves:—S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lamble, L.S.A. Palmer, S/Lt. Carey and P.O. Wilson.

Changes in the unbeaten Navy side are Carter for O'Riordan at fly-half and Eager for Beattie in the back row of the pack.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday C. M. Sequeira beat L. Karpovich and D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Y. Biriukoff.

There are only five entries for the Colony Chess Championship to date.



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Collins Replies To Aromin's Challenge

Willing And Eager For Bout Only A Question Of Satisfactory Terms

By "Adrem"

ARISING OUT OF A CHALLENGE FROM "YOUNG" AROMIN WHICH APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS LAST WEEK, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM LEN COLLINS YESTERDAY.

ENGLAND CAPTAIN KILLED

A famous England amateur captain, W. T. Whewell, was killed with his wife when their home received a direct hit in a recent air raid, writes a London correspondent.

It was not the last of the Corinthians, Tommy Whewell was a very distinguished link-up with the grand old club which can never be replaced and whose passing, though inevitable, was such an irreparable blow to the game.

I would place Whewell among the best amateur centre-halves—close up to Max Woosnam and Bernard Joy.

His football was as forceful as Joy's. It was also intelligent and so constructive.

Pro. Clubs Wanted Him

Had the great professional clubs interested Tommy Whewell, he could have held his place in the best of them. There were many attempts to lure him permanently into the League game.

His wife was the sister of Jackie Burns, the famous Brentford half-back.

Both Burns and Whewell were schoolmasters. They made their debuts together against Wales in 1930, and after a run of nine games it was Burns who succeeded

Collins told me that he had been in the New Territories and had only heard of the challenge on his return to town. On being told that Aromin was anxious to meet him Collins said that he was only too willing to accommodate and would fight at any time and any place, providing suitable terms could be arranged.

"While I should be glad to meet Aromin," Collins told me, "I do not feel justified in risking my reputation for the paltry figure offered me by his manager, Mr. M. Stanley, when he approached me a few weeks ago. I was in Manila recently, when I had a further three fights, all of which I won, and in Manila they paid me extremely well. If a reasonable arrangement can be arrived at I should be willing to meet Aromin as soon as he likes as I am in full training at the moment and have never been fitter in my life."

There has been so much talk of a fight between Aromin and Collins ever since they "spurred" at the Victoria Recreation Club gymnasium, that I am sure, if suitable supporting bouts could be arranged, a big gate would be attracted.

It might, therefore, be worth Mr. Stanley's while to offer Collins a percentage of the gate, if he does not feel inclined to risk guaranteeing a large fixed sum, as Collins told me that he would be willing to fight on that basis.

ed his brother-in-law as England's skipper.

I should say Whewell was easily the best product of Public School football since the last war. I knew a player had arrived when I first saw him in theVarsity match of 1925—and his spectacular 40 yards range goal, so often quoted, was not the reason.

EFFECT OF BOMBS ON HOME SPORT

Frankenstein's night vandals have just missed a grandstand from which thousands cheered the most famous racehorses in the world.

It was the fourth visitation and the sum total of damage, apart from a Tote building, is not, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Actually the sport which carries most Hun trademarks up to now is golf. Racing comes next, greyhound racing third, and football fourth.

In racing circles they are not so much concerned with bombs as the immediate future of the sport. For a while it looks as if fixtures may be kept to the North and Midlands. That is why I suggest that in arranging their big events in the South and at Newmarket the Jockey Club should at the same time fix alternative tracks and so avoid such disappointments as have set back trainers recently.

Stables May Move North

"If racing is to be confined to the Midlands and North I can see some stables migrating up there from the South," says William Payne, who has some of the country's best jumpers at Burgh Heath.

The reason is one of expense. It cost less than £1 to take a horse to a London district racecourse from one of the local training centres, but Teddy Martin, the former trainer, once told me if he wanted to run a horse at Newmarket from his West-country stable he had to find about £25 in travel and hotel expenses.

A century and more ago the North was the senior partner, but it lost its training lead to Newmarket and the Salisbury Plain area, not to mention Epsom. It looks possible war circumstances may readjust the balance.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

Owing to the fact that the Tulsa Inter-Divisional Duck Pin matches occupied about 12 days to complete, there was not much opportunity of running off many Ten Pin Matches. However there were two good five-game Ten Pin matches played between the Tulsa Ten Pin Team and the Alley team. The first was played on December 27, and the second, a return match, on December 30.

The first match resulted in a win for the Alley Team by 186 pins, the scores being as follows:—

Alley Team	3017
Tulsa Team	2831

The scoring all round could not by the greatest stretch of imagination, be called brilliant, the highest score of the match being bagged by Watts for Alley Team with a mediocre 780. Watts was the only player to registered a 200 score, exactly 200 in his first game.

Second top score was made by A. Odell, for the Alley Team, a good 765.

Moore was top scorer for Tulsa with 759, but was not by any means at his best. The rest of the players averaged from 129 to 144, in fact the average per player per game for the Alley Team was only 150.8 pins per game, while the Tulsa was only 141 pins per game.

Return Match

The return match was played on December 30 and resulted in a remarkably close finish, actually one of the closest finishes ever seen in the Alleys, 6 pins only.

Tulsa Team	3030
Alley Team	3024

On this occasion the Tulsa were much better than in their last match, while the Alley Team were about the same. Hall for the Alley Team, was top scorer with a useful 805 and also netted the only score of 200, a good 205 in his fifth game.

Peterson, for Tulsa, with 799 and J. H. Watts for Alley Team with 798 almost tied for second highest score. Moore for Tulsa was third top scorer with 774, while the rest of the players averaged from 133 to 152.

Singles Handicap

First match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition took place on Saturday. It was between Signalmen Devlin of Royal Corps of Signals, and Devonshire of Middlesex Regiment. Devlin's handicap was plus 43 and Devonshire was plus 33. Devlin won very comfortably by 86 pins the scores being as follows:—

Devlin	480
Devonshire	394

I was rather surprised at Devonshire's poor effort as he was one of the best Ten Pin bowlers in the Alleys formerly, but owing to War duties etc., he has not been able to put in the necessary practice.

Good Start To 1941

The month of January 1941 has started off well, with Neate of Signals putting up a brilliant 150 at Duck Pins on January 1. To do this he had to make seven spares and a strike; this is good Duck Pin Bowling.

Corp. Blount d'd not wait until the 1941 year was far advanced to bag a brilliant 246, which he d'd on January 2. His score-sheet

shows that he started off with six strikes in a row, three spares, a strike on his 10th frame and a spare with the two extra balls. If he had made another strike on any of the spare frames, his score would have topped the 260 mark.

League Of Nations

There was rather a peculiar phenomenon in the Alleys the other evening. There were playing British, American and Portuguese naval men, and on two other Alleys there were some of the Free French Volunteers, who are staying in the Colony waiting for a ship to take them to Europe and the Near East to join Gen. de Gaulle's forces. There were also two Dutch and two Norwegian Merchant Service officers.

It was truly a unique sight, and I must give full credit to the British and American sailors, and also to members of the local military Garrisons, who were present, for the patient manner in which they all joined in to teach the French Volunteers and Portuguese sailors (who had never played the game before) the mysteries of the game.

The language difficulty was surmounted by sundry gesticulations, which seemed to be perfectly understood by all. At the close of their games the visitors expressed their deep appreciation of the efforts made by all in the Alleys to make them feel thoroughly at home.

Second Match

The second match in the Singles Handicap Competition was played off on January 6, between L/Cpl. J. Gracie of Royal Scots and Signalmen S. H. Neate of Royal Corps of Signals. Gracie's handicap was plus 36 and Neate's plus 40. The result was a very close win for Gracie by 29 pins, including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—

J. Gracie (plus 36)	438
S. H. Neate (plus 40)	409

The third match of the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition was played on Tuesday, between Doc Molthen, whose handicap was plus 17, and Private McCullum of the Royal Scots, whose handicap was plus 43. McCullum won by 33 pins, the scores being as follows:—

P. McCullum (plus 43)	568
Doc Molthen (plus 17)	533

Although Molthen is one of the finest and most experienced bowlers in the Alleys, it was the general opinion of all bowling fans that he would have his work cut out to defeat McCullum, who is practically a new bowler in the Alleys, never having played in a match game before, but who has lately been playing good Ten Pins in ordinary games, scoring several 200s.

Molthen scored 533 and McCullum made 568 (including his handicap). Actual y Molthen was 43 pins better than his opponent playing level.

Vaughan Wins

The fourth match in the competition was between Gaddi and C. E. Vaughan of U.S.S. Mindanao and was played on Wednesday. Vaughan's handicap was plus 40 and Gaddi's plus 23.

Vaughan won very comfortably by 93 pins, the scores being as follows:—

C. E. Vaughan (plus 40)	537
L. Gaddi (plus 23)	444

Gaddi was favoured to win but actually Vaughan won, without his handicap, by 42 pins, which was rather surprising because Vaughan plays more Duck Pins than Ten Pins, as a rule.

Gaddi was clearly off form, an average of 138 not being anything like what he can do.

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The winners of the U.S.S. Tulsa Inter-Divisional Duck Pin Tournament. The final was played on December 28. From left to right front row: Niehoff, Borg, Engle, Koch, Barney, McGlennan, Drews and Vasko.

FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFREE"

The two greatest upsets in last week's soccer programme was the defeat of South China by Ordnance in Second Division on Saturday and the defeat of Sing Tao by Royal Navy at Causeway Bay on Sunday.

South China's defeat may be costly to them in the quest for the Second Division Championship and it looks as if Engineers, who are still unbeaten, are certain of the title.

Determination and hard tackling contributed to a great extent to Navy beating Sing Tao in First Division.

O'Regan and Roughley gave very good displays at full back while Hazard, in the pivotal position, and Le Page, at inside right, were on top form.

An interesting review of the growth of South China Athletic Association and its part in sports among Chinese was given by Mr. W. H. Chen on Tuesday. The present membership of the Association is nearly 10,000 and this is remarkable for the Association started in 1916 with only 50 members.

The disinterestedness shown by junior teams in not providing linesmen was the subject of much comment at the Referees' meeting last Tuesday.

It was pointed out that the referee's job without a linesman is difficult and it was decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the Football Association.

STONER AND MACAULEY BAT WELL

Thanks to a fine innings by L/Cpl. Stonor, Royal Army Ordnance Corps yesterday beat Diocesan Boys' School by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo.

School batted first and lost three wickets for only 13 runs but Macauley, who was batting steadily, was then joined by Youngsaye and the partnership added 59 runs. A complete collapse then followed and the whole side was dismissed for 194. Macauley hit eight fours in his 38.

Boocock took 4 for 36, and Tropp had conceded 17 runs without taking a wicket when he struck a patch and took 4 for 19 to finish with 4 for 27.

R.A.O.C. would have fared badly had it not been for Stonor. Apart from 10 by Tropp, he was the only double-figure scorer, hitting nine fours in his 58 not out.

D. B. S.				
J. Macauley, c and b Boocock	38			
G. A. Goodban, c Barnes, b Boocock	2			
A. J. Hulse, c and b Haskins	13			
L. Chinfen, c Barnes, b Boocock	0			
J. L. Youngsaye, b Tropp	13			
L. Jernakoff, b Tropp	0			
L. Lyson, b Tropp	4			
A. Ebrahim, b Boocock	13			
W. Macauley, run out	5			
E. Randall, c Barnes, b Tropp	0			
E. Read, not out	10			
Extras (B3, LB1, W2)	6			

Total	104			
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haskins	6	0	35	1
Boocock	11.5	1	36	4
Tropp	5	0	27	4

R.A.O.C.				
Stonor, not out	58			
Tropp, run out	10			
Pinder, run out	1			
Roberts, c Lyson, b Macauley	4			
Barnes, b Macauley	9			
Boocock, run out	1			
MacPherson, b Hulse	5			
Standing, not out	0			
Extras (B14, LB1, W2)	17			

Total (for 7 wickets)	110
Stow, Haskins and Mendell did not bat	

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	12	3	24	1
Ebrahim	6	0	25	0
J. Macauley	7.5	0	39	3
Goodban	2	0	6	1

Ordnance Surprised By Gunners In Shield Tie

A Very Scrappy And Dull Match

By "Sportshawk"

ORDNANCE, WHO caused an upset last weekend when they defeated South China in Second Division, failed to survive the Preliminary Round of the Junior Shield competition when yesterday they were beaten by 30th Heavy Battery, R.A., by the odd goal in three, after being two goals down at the interval.

It was also pointed out that the referee only needed linesmen to assist him for the throw-ins and when the ball went over the goal lines.

The Association has promised to ensure that Clubs comply with this ruling.

Eastern and South China are donating the proceeds of their League game on January 19 to Charity. This should be the best attended game of the season, irrespective of the result of the South China-Sing Tao match on Sunday.

Football Association are not charging increased prices for the Lai Wai Cup game on Chinese New Year's day between Chinese and Army, but have decided that the covered stand seats should be open for booking.

On paper Ordnance should have won the match, yet they were disappointing and failed to even force a draw against a weak 30th R.A. team.

The greater part of the match was scrappy and produced little of interest.

Woolaridge played an unexpectedly good game between the sticks for the winners, saving numerous apparently certain goals, while Tuckley was the better of the two backs.

Guy Off Form

Guy was not up to his usual form and appeared to take matters too easily, thus enabled the losing forwards to penetrate several times. Skipwith, the left-half, held his own well.

Round, the winners' centre-forward, and Tate combined well in attack and they were assisted con-



siderably by Chapple, who sent over several good centres from the right-wing.

For the losers, Adams distinguished himself in front of Reynolds who, though twice beaten, could not be blamed for the two goals registered against him, while Stephens spoiled well in the pivotal position.

Their attack was best served by Hewitson, who, however, lacked support from other forwards and consequently was unable to do much.

The Scoring

Round scored the opening goal for the winners about five minutes from the start and Tate added another about three minutes from the end of the first half.

No score was registered by either side until the last 10 minutes, when the losers were awarded a penalty kick with which Emberson made no mistake.

30th Heavy Battery: — R.A. Woolaridge; Hole and Tuckley; Skipwith, Guy and Park; Chapple, Guille, Round, Tate and Flanders. Ordnance: — Reynolds; Adams

RUGBY BLUE ORDAINED

W. O. Chadwick, the Cambridge hooker and English trial player, one of the best forwards of recent years, and a player remarkably unlucky not to get his international cap, has been ordained and appointed deacon at St. John's Church, Huddersfield.

Chadwick captained Tonbridge School in 1934-35, and toured the Argentine with the British team in 1936.—Reuter.

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

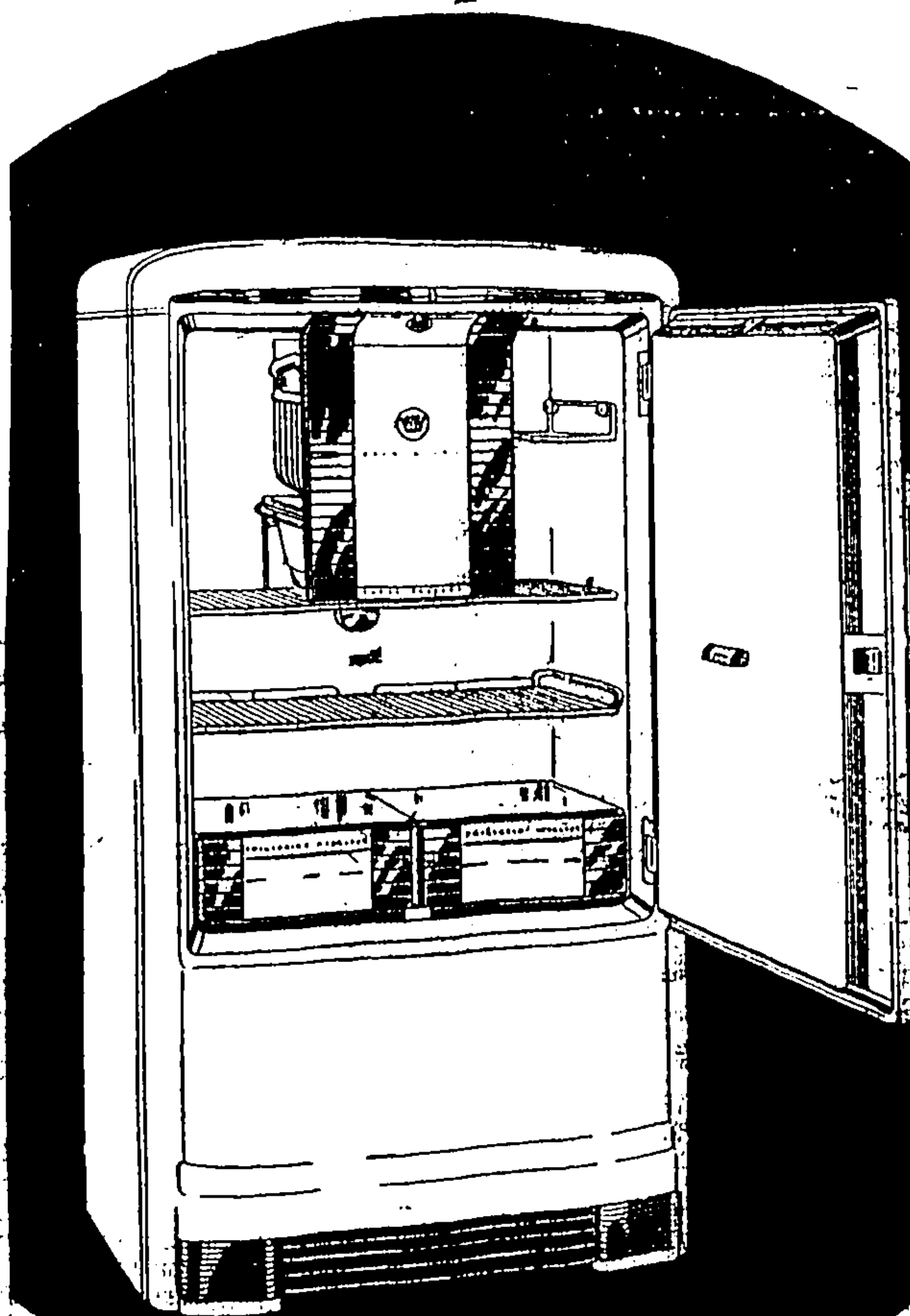
The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against Royal Scots at Chater Road to-morrow at 2 p.m.:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, Pay-Lt. J. C. Brown, C. J. P. Carey, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Flinnie, J. L. Hsley, R. M. M. King, E. W. Pudney, J. E. Richardson, D. S. Robb.

The War Department Chinese Staff Recreation Club will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Club House, No. 37, Hennessey Road, 3rd floor, to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., to receive the annual report and the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1941, to elect the Committee for the year 1941, and to transact any other business.

and Russell; Nicoll, Stephens and Jones; Harland, Emberson, Hewitson, Harding and Duffield.

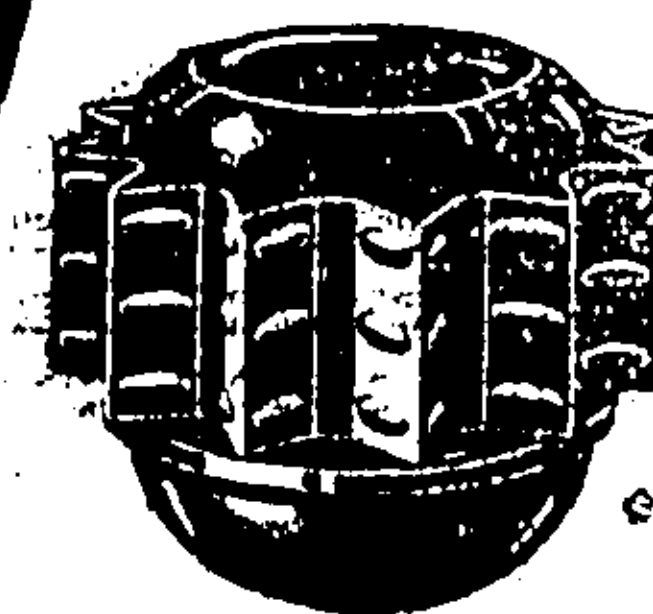
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Unenviable Position Of Marshal Graziani

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Army in Libya)

THE FALL OF TOBRUK — FOR FALL IT WILL AT A TIME TO BE CHOSEN BY GENERAL WAVELL — WILL UNDENIABLY OPEN UP A POSSIBILITY THAT THE WHOLE OF LIBYA MAY BE CONQUERED.

DUBLIN BOMBS PROVED OF NAZI ORIGIN

Bombs dropped at Rathdown Park, Dublin, on the night of January 1, and on Donore Terrace, Dublin, on the night of January 2-3 have now been identified as of German origin, says a statement issued last night on behalf of the Eirean Department of Defence in Dublin. — Reuter.

The full extent of the fortifications of towns to the west, such as Ben Ghazi, is unknown, but with the morale of the Italian army gone and large quantities of war materials already captured in the early stages of the offensive, the position of Marshal Graziani is an unenviable one.

Tobruk has been encircled by British troops, and Graziani's main stronghold in eastern Libya now feels the same pincers about it as Bardia felt recently.

Although an exact picture of current operations naturally has to be withheld, it is no secret that British mechanised forces are operating well to the west of the town.

After the lessons of Sidi Barrani and Bardia it appears incredible that the Italian commanders have allowed themselves to be bottled up once more, this time in Tobruk.

It seems conclusively established, however, that Graziani does not know what steps to take next. Indeed, he and his entire North

African army appear to be completely demoralised by the swiftness and determination of the British advance.

Out of Graziani's Hands

It is suggested in military circles that Graziani, having forfeited very great quantities of war material in the retreat from Sidi Barrani, has been unable to prevent the encirclement of Tobruk, but is now relying on whatever defences in men and material remain to the westward in the neighbourhood of Ben Ghazi.

The full strength of the garrison at Tobruk is unknown.

Reports are that the defences are larger and on a broader scale than those of Bardia, though they are believed to have been hurriedly and somewhat ineffectually prepared.

Rome radio continues to broadcast reasons for Graziani's ignominious defeat at Bardia, stressing the "enormous strength" of Britain's Army in the Middle East.

Consolation?

Although British Headquarters at Cairo is naturally unwilling to deny or confirm the truth of figures given they trust that the Duce will derive some consolation from the fact that the brunt of this determined and relentless force is now being concentrated preparatory to the final mopping up of Tobruk, whose days are plainly numbered. — Reuter.

MOSCOW'S ESTIMATE

STAFF WORK AND GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES WERE THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE RAPID CAPTURE OF BARDIA, STATED THE NEWSPAPER "RED FLEET" IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

British successes along the Libyan coast, according to the newspaper, may possibly force the Italian High Command to withdraw the Italian Fifth Army, now at Giarabub Oasis (some 175 miles south) to cover such vital bases as Derna and Ben Ghazi. — Reuter.

BIG SHARE DEAL PLAN

The joint purchase of \$800,000,000 worth of British-owned American securities is the subject of a tentative plan submitted by a group of leading investment trusts to the Treasury and to the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington yesterday.

This scheme, if carried out, would be the largest single non-Government securities transaction in the history of the United States. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

It was revealed to-day that at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday, a plan for formation of an Anti-Sabotage Corps was outlined and volunteers for 12-hour duty were asked for.

It is understood that individuals volunteering for this service are first required to obtain the permission of their employers.

The principal duty of the anti-sabotage unit will be the protection of shipping in Harbour.

It is understood that Mr. J. H. Hance has been appointed to organise the scheme.

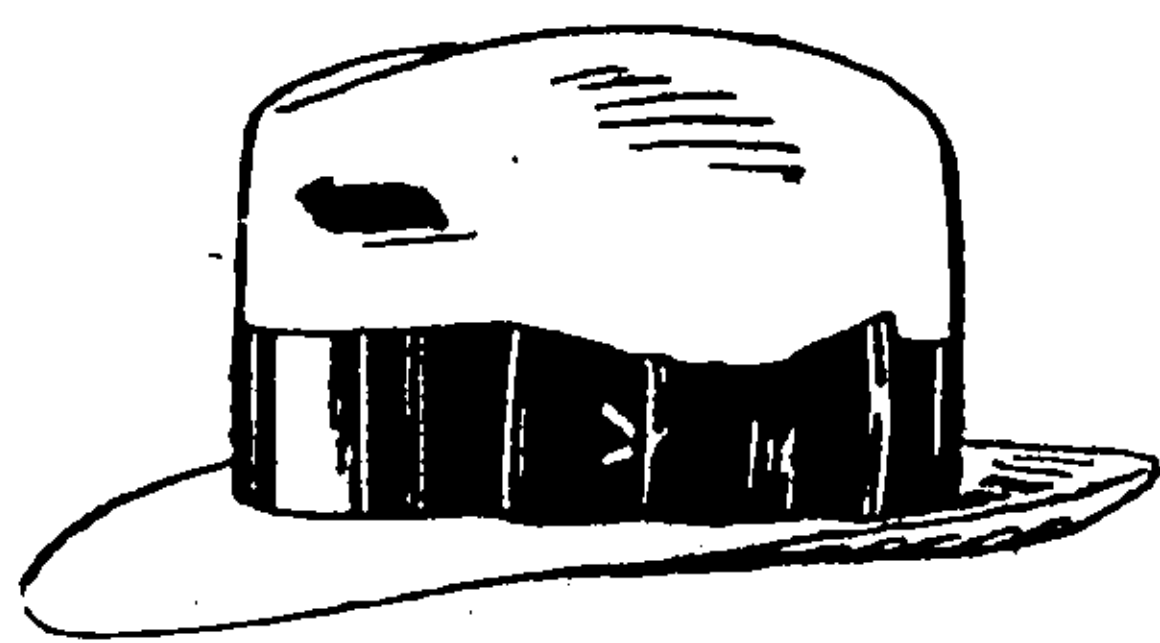


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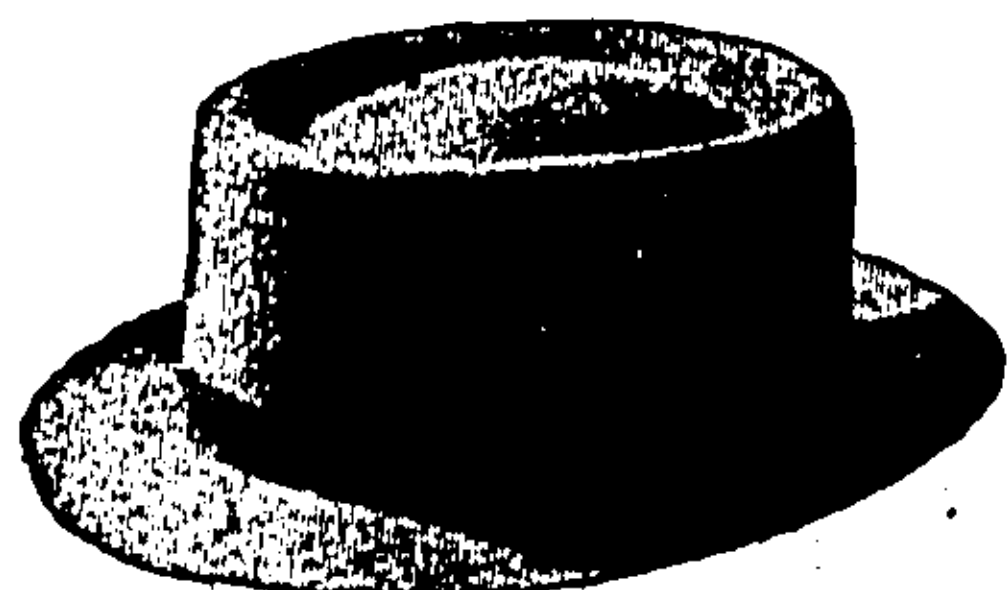


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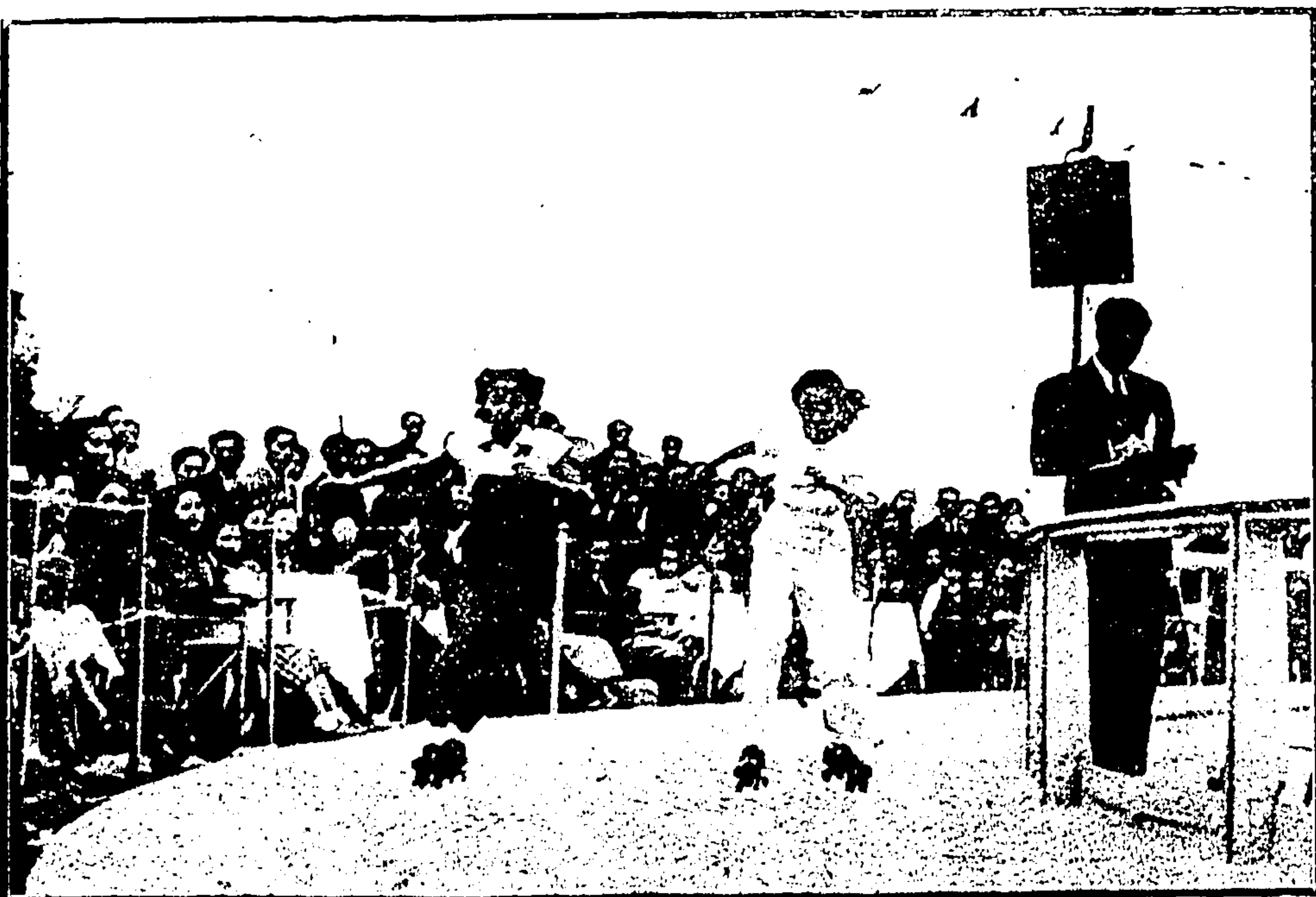
Skating At The Ritz



Miss Chan Shek-man, Miss Lam Wei and Miss Shiu Wan-lan competing in the 400 Metres Race at the First Annual Skating Competition at the Ritz on Sunday.



One of the novelty events at the First Annual Skating Competition at the Ritz last Sunday was the Potato Race. One of the competitors is shown here about to pick up the potatoes.

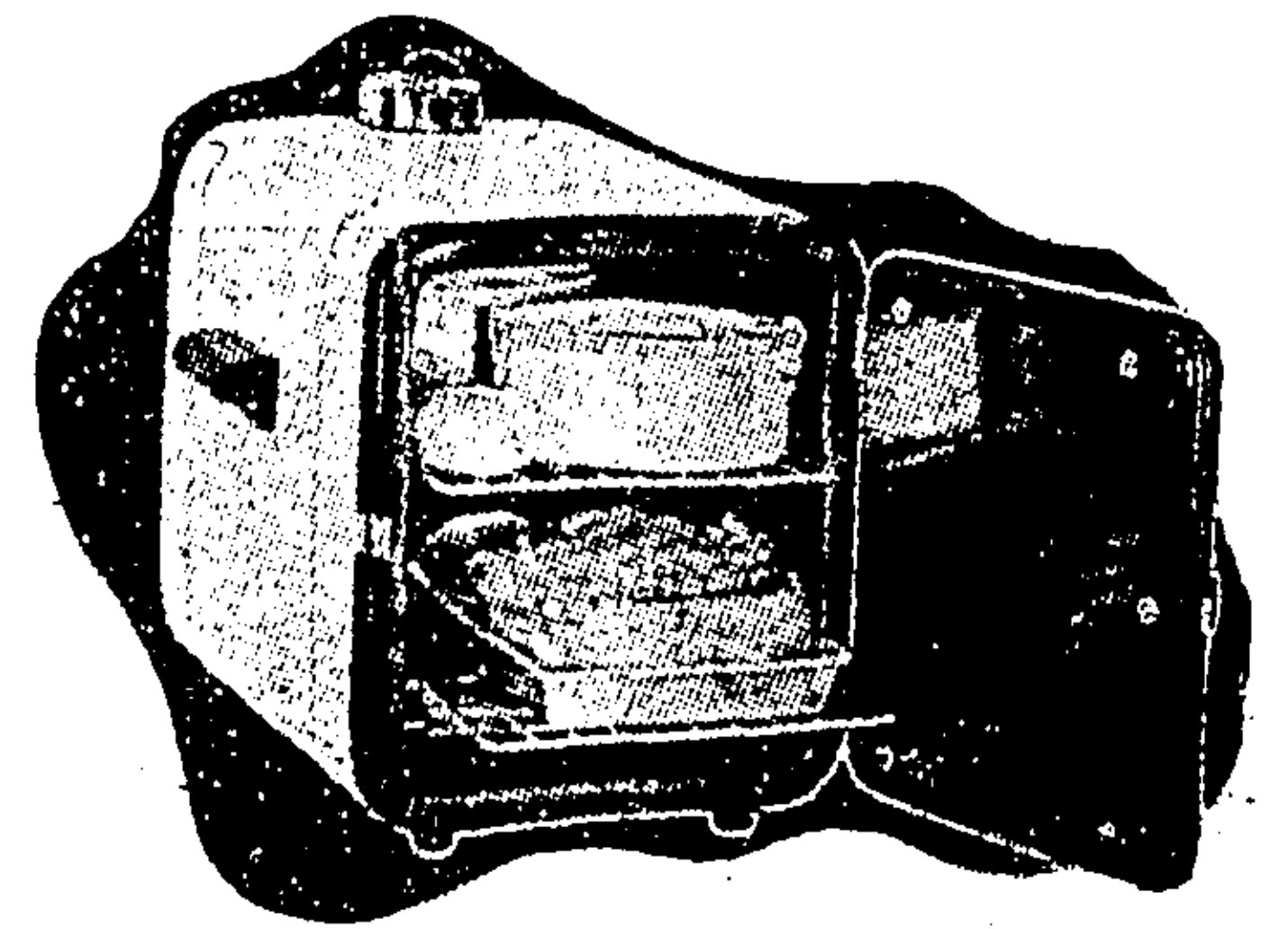


Miss Ng Shiu-ying (right) and Miss Lam Mei (left) two of the keenest participants in the 800 metres Race in the First Annual Skating Competition last Sunday at the Ritz, North Point.



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SHORT STORY

Round The Next Corner

By NORMALL GORDON

IT was not until some time after he received David's letter that Brian Royle was conscious of a feeling that amounted to something more than disappointment. Of course, when reading it at breakfast, he had known he was sorry, but it was one of those things that just couldn't be helped. Besides, the upset for David and Aline would be much worse than for him.

Aline, David wrote, had heard from her sister, saying that their father was not very well, and she thought they should go there for Christmas. "I don't think," added David in his letter, "that it's anything very serious, but my dad-in-law's getting on in years, and we feel we ought to go. This means we shall have to shut up our little place, and I'm terribly sorry we can't have you with us over the festive season. Such short notice won't, I know, give you much chance of making fresh arrangements, but I'm sure you'll understand. Aline shares my regrets. Next year, I hope, we shall resume the 'happy reunion.' We've spent three jolly Christmases together haven't we?"

Yes, David was right. They had been jolly Christmases. That is, as David and Aline and Royle understood "jollity." Not hitting the high spots, playing hilarious games or drinking innumerable cocktails. Possibly, Brian supposed, judged by modern standards, they'd be considered unaccountably prim and staid for people still in their twenties. Some might even describe them as "freaks." Well, what if they did?

David played the piano rather more than competently, and Aline had a mezzo-soprano voice of lyrical quality. Then David's brother, Kenneth, his wife, Doris, and her sister, Betty, had joined them on Christmas Day, and when David wasn't at the piano and Aline singing, or they weren't playing bridge for a modest penny a hundred, Kenneth demonstrated his talents as a humorist. Yes, very decidedly they'd been jolly Christmases.

It was true, too, Brian reflected on the way to his office, that he hadn't much chance of fixing up anything else. Doubtless, with Christmas still a couple of days away, he could get in somewhere on a hotel party, which seemed to be so much the fashion nowadays. But that method of "spending Christmas" didn't appeal to him. It was not that he was vitally unsociable, or deliberately chummy company, but he was naturally of a shy and retiring disposition, and books, and a weekly visit to a cinema, usually provided him with all the companionship and diversion he required. In the summer he played tennis, and went for frequent evening runs in his small car, but, with the exception of David and Aline, he had never cultivated any real friends. Perhaps that was foolish, because if anything happened like David's letter it did leave a fellow rather at a loose end.

Once a colleague at the office—a genial chap named Gower—had laughingly described him as "a bit of an old fossil for 28." Gower had added: "There's no denying you're a pukka accountant, but one day, my boy, you'll wake up to the fact that figures, and figuring 'em out, aren't everything. There are other kinds of figures in the world"—Gower grinned at his own joke—"and mostly they're dressed in pretty frocks."

Recollection of Gower's leg-pulling came to Royle now. Much of his self-sufficiency, he supposed—the little desire he felt for mixing with others—was due to his having been the only child of a widowed mother left in straitened circumstances, and very largely he had had to make his own way in the world. Before he passed out of the grammar school, to which a scholarship had admitted him, his mother had died, too. So, attaining the position of a qualified accountant had meant relatively hard going all the way. Anyway, there hadn't been much time for day dreaming about the possible or positive charm, of the opposite sex.

If one excepted an adolescent episode—he remembered he was about 17 at the time—Royle had never thought seriously about any girl. And, of course, looking back from the superior height of 23, this affair seemed rather amusing now. Trifling, too. Beryl Denny was a daughter of the managing director of a big firm of wine importers—miles above him in the social scale—and if he had had any sense at all he would have known that the nipping in the bud of their boy and girl romance was inevitable from the beginning. But

you can't be as wise at 17 as you are—or ought to be—at 28. With fervent protestations of undying affection, and faithful promises to write at least once every week, Beryl went to complete her education in France. And that, due to parental intervention, was the end. Some time afterwards, in the New Year Honours, Brian saw that Mr. Basil Stafford Denny had received the accolade of knighthood. With a rather rueful smile, Royle admitted that he couldn't blame Beryl for that! Still, it served to show how wide the social gulf had been.

Nearing the street in which his office was situated, Royle reflected that Beryl Denny was the only girl who had held what might be called a definite place in his heart. He had never thought, well, tenderly, about anybody else. Yet, by Jove!—and sudden recollection almost made Royle pull up in his stride—that was not strictly true. But the other thing had been so nebulous—so unsubstantial, obscure and hazy—that it was hardly possible to affix any name to it at all. Perhaps the most that could be said was that it was a passing attraction, and only one-sided at that. He couldn't imagine that at hour after he'd finished the job of work he was appointed to do the girl even so much as remembered his existence. There was absolutely no reason why she should.

All he knew about her was that she was addressed as Miss Chigwell, and that she held the post of private secretary to the managing director of a firm, the half-yearly audit of whose books he, Royle—and Gower had been instructed by the employers to carry out. The job lasted nearly a fortnight, and for that time they occupied the next room to that of Miss Chigwell. To reach her room she had to pass through theirs, and at first she confined herself to formal but friendly "good mornings." Later, she stopped long enough to pass some remarks about the weather, or to mention a concert she had been to, or a picture she had seen, the previous night. Of slightly more than medium height, she had a slender, shapely body, hair of a fairness that halted some way short of the lightness of blonde, and she wore neat, tailored suits. She had the blue eyes which are nearly always the natural accompaniment of a fair complexion, and her features were even and well formed.

One morning, after the door had closed behind Miss Chigwell, the irrepressible Gower said: "There goes, I'll bet you a fiver, one of the most efficient private secretaries who are the special gifts of Providence to harassed managing directors. Nice girl, too. I don't say she's my type—but not vivacious enough, and nobody could call her strikingly pretty—but she's got breeding, and doesn't put on a lot of silly side. I shouldn't be surprised if she's a parson's daughter, and that her vicarage home is buried somewhere in the country."

Royle had no means of knowing whether Gower's speculations were close to or miles off the mark. Anyhow, what did it signify? It was over 12 months since he had done that particular job, and had never met Miss Chigwell again. It was queer, though, that remembrance of her should have remained with him so vividly. He had often thought about her, and now, hanging up his hat and coat, he wondered where she would be spending Christmas. Funny!

On the morning of Christmas Eve, after glancing at the clock, Gower said: "Only another hour, and we bid adieu to our labours for four blissful days. What time are you leaving for your friends' place?"

Smiling rather wryly Brian replied: "I'm not going. It's off. They've been called away unexpectedly."

"Rough luck!" There was genuine regret in Gower's tone. "I'm joining the happy family circle. If I had to spend Christmas alone in digs—" Gower paused, then added: "Here's an ideal if I was in your place I'd get out of the car, choose any one of the roads, and without any settled plan just drive on until I came across a farmhouse or roadside inn that looked a likely sort of place in which to put up for a night, or longer. Leave it to chance and luck. Even in these days of conducted tours you can't rule adventure clear out, and one never can tell who's round the next corner."

It was then, or shortly afterwards, Brian realised fully that David's letter had occasioned him something more than disappointment. Disturbing and startling

revelation, it had made a lonely man keenly aware of his loneliness. Well, there might be something in what Gower had said.

The noise of some one moving about in the small living-room below aroused Gloria Chigwell. She awoke suddenly, and for a minute was puzzled to know what the sounds could mean. It was Mrs. Dorsett, of course—the cheery, homely soul who came in every morning to wash the crockery, and tidy things up—but why was she so early? She had a key and could let herself in, but seldom arrived before Gloria was up. This morning was an exception, and the explanation could only be that she—Gloria—had overslept. Yes, the bedside clock registered a quarter to nine.

This morning, too, Gloria had awakened in a strangely light-hearted mood, a new experience in these last few months. Striving to capture an elusive memory, she frowned. Oh, yes, she remembered now. It was Christmas Eve, and, acting on a sudden resolve, she had decided to spend the holiday in a quiet hotel at Dart-haven. Six months ago nothing, no powers of persuasion, could have induced her to leave her cottage. Gloria's frown deepened.

At that time—six months ago Joyce Redmond had summarised the situation very fairly to a mutual friend. "Of course," she had said, "Donald has behaved abominably. He's a cad—a rank outsider. To be engaged to Gloria for two years, and then turn round and say he couldn't go on with it—to plead that he wasn't a marrying man—was unspeakably cruel. The only decent thing he's done is to clear out to South Africa, and stay there. Of course, knowing Gloria as we do—how seriously she takes things, her proper sense of pride and how devoted she was to Donald—we expected she'd be very badly hit, and feel inexpressibly humiliated. But not to the extent of throwing over everything—her job and her friends—and shutting herself up in a country cottage. The hermit-complex! I don't care how snug the place is, or if there are rambling roses and honeysuckle growing over the front door porch, it isn't natural it isn't safe for a girl of twenty-five to go and hide herself away like that."

The appetising aroma of hot coffee and fried bacon greeted Gloria as she came downstairs. A minute later Mrs. Dorsett carried a tray into the living-room. "Good-morning, miss," she said, briskly. "It looks like being a nice day for your journey. You'll be catching the half-past three bus?"

Pouring out her coffee, Gloria said: "No. I shall walk to the station. It's only two miles, and I love the walk."

Mrs. Dorsett pressed an imaginary crease from her apron. "If you'll excuse my saying so, miss, I'm glad you're going away for a while. Do you good to mix with a bit of company. I've been a widow woman for six years, and I know how lonely one feels at times. Now and again my boys come to see me, and bring their wives and kiddies, and that helps. Yet it seems more lonely than ever after they've gone again."

A slight flush stained Gloria's cheeks. "Oh, I don't know, Mrs. Dorsett. I've got my writing to do, and my books, and the days pass quite quickly. Besides, you and everybody else in the village have been extremely kind to me so that I don't see how I could possibly feel lonely."

Moving to the door, Mrs. Dorsett recalled times when, thinking herself unobserved, Gloria's shoulders had drooped, and an expression had come into her eyes which the worldly wise woman knew to be born of yearning, and the shrewdly guarded from the world. "Ah, well, miss," said Mrs. Dorsett, finally, "I'm not altering my mind that a change won't do you good. And I hope, I'm sure, you'll have a very happy Christmas. Don't you worry about the cottage. I'll see that everything's all right."

"Thank you, Mrs. Dorsett," said Gloria. "I'm certain you will. And the same to you—a happy Christmas."

Carrying her suitcase, Gloria set out for the station. She had allowed herself ample time, and Mrs. Dorsett's prophecy of a "nice day" was verified. The air, holding a strong tinge of frost, was invigorating. For some reason she did not care to analyse too closely Gloria's mood was responsive. Yet, could it be, as so many of her friends had declared, that she had, acted with unreasoning im-

pulse—blindly? But the hurt had been so crushing, the wound so deep, that she had not known what else to do. Was she really a coward—a person who squealed and ran and buried her head like an ostrich at the first signs of adversity—of disillusionment? If so, how did she compare with the countless thousands who faced up to the real tragedies of life—bereavement, unemployment, incurable disease?

These thoughts, intrusive and uninvited, were not pleasant. An end was put to them by Gloria treading on a loose stone. In preventing herself from falling, she twisted an ankle. Tentatively she put the injured foot to the ground. She did not think the strain was serious, but it was sufficiently severe to make further walking painful. Looking at her watch she reckoned the next bus would be along in half-an-hour. To rest the throbbing ankle Gloria went to a nearby gate.

It was there that a man in a passing car saw her standing. The car was doing an easy 25 m.p.h., and the driver had ample opportunity of taking stock of objects on either side of him. Because he was in no hurry, and had nowhere especially to go, he had maintained the same jog-trot speed over the last fifty miles. Dusk would not come for some time yet, but it was as well to be on the lookout for that likely farmhouse or way-side inn. Once darkness fell one might go on and on. Then, with quite an unnecessary screeching of brakes, the car stopped, and the driver got out.

In his musings, Brian Royle had admitted to himself that there was no reason whatever why Miss Chigwell should remember he had ever existed. Actually, this came very near to being the truth. A happily engaged girl of Gloria Chigwell's kind has few, if any, thoughts to spare for other men. But when Brian came towards her recognition was instantaneous.

"Good gracious! Mr. Royle," she said. "This is a surprise." Instinctively, she held out a hand. The action caused movement of the injured foot, and a twinge of pain was reflected in her face. Brian was quick to notice it.

"I say," he exclaimed, "Have you hurt yourself?"

Gloria laughed a trifle shakily. "It's nothing much," she said. "I was stupid enough to step on a stone and twist my ankle."

Assailed by his old enemy, reserve, Brian considered this statement for a moment. Then, partially forcing down the barrier, he said: "Are—are you spending Christmas somewhere around here? If so, please do let me give you a lift. Mine's not a posh car, but the engine's quite good."

Inherently decent herself, Gloria was able to appraise the same quality in others. In Royle she saw a young man striving to overcome a besetting shyness by a display of chivalry disguised as pleasantry. In the same spirit she replied:

"Please don't disparage your car, Mr. Royle. In any case, it's bound to be much 'better' than mine because I haven't got one at all. Actually, though, I live here—in the nearest village—but am going to Dart-haven for Christmas. I've booked up at a small hotel, and was on my way to the station. And where are you going?"

Smiling sheepishly, Brian said: "The answer will sound mad, absolutely crazy. But it's true. Nowhere—and anywhere." Then he told her of David's unexpected letter, the upsetting of his plans, and the whimsical advice proffered by Gower. She remembered Gower, didn't she? On the spur of the moment he'd added upon it. Got into his car, driven away, and, well, here he was!

Gloria's laugh was more spontaneous than it had been for months. In spite of its implied element of pathos, the situation appealed to her sense of humour. There was something about it so quaintly quixotic. "You mean you took a chance and depended on luck," she said.

Brian grinned. "That's right," he said. Gosh! She had used the same words as Gower. There was that other bit about never knowing who was round the next corner, but he didn't think he'd better mention that. "If Dart-haven's as pretty as its name it must be a delightful place. Are you meeting friends there?"

Gloria both nodded and shook her head. "It is," she agreed. "Anyway, it suits me. Quiet and peaceful. I shall be alone, except for any people I may speak to in the hotel."

Royle looked away. A thought

staggering in its boldness, and dazzling in the prospect it envisaged, had come to him suddenly. Would it—could it—be possible? To heighten confusion it occurred to him that Miss Chigwell had changed—that in some indefinite, and perhaps indefinable way, she was different. She had the same frank manner, and she spoke brightly, but her face had a drawn look, and, in repose, Brian fancied that her eyes might hold a suggestion of suffering. Had anything happened to cause her grief? Impelled by an alien courage, Brian pushed down the barrier.

"I wonder, I was thinking"—the words came haltingly, and he had to grope for them—"whether you'd mind—whether you'd think it was terribly impertinent of me—if I said that I'd like to spend Christmas at Dart-haven, and whether you'd be offended if I offered to drive you there. You see?" Royle laughed jerkily—"to tell the truth I'm feeling lonely. But"—hurriedly he sought to correct any possible misapprehension—"I promise I wouldn't force my company on you. It's just that I'd have somewhere settled to go."

Gloria gazed steadfastly at Brian. Of his transparent honesty there could, she felt, be no question. It was stamped on his well-knit figure and open countenance, with its kindly brown eyes and resolute chin, symbols of tenderness and strength. For his age, perhaps, his face was preternaturally grave, but was wonderfully lightened when he smiled.

"Why, of course not," Gloria's answer was as unaffected as her nature. "How could I be offended or think you impertinent? Nobody should be unhappy at Christmas. But I don't know whether the hotel people can put you up. There you'll have to take another chance. Perhaps" and her voice became so low that Brian could barely hear her words—"we're both suffering from the same complaint—loneliness."

By dinner time on Christmas Day nearly all the events that mattered in the lives of Gloria Chigwell and Brian Royle were known to each other. To two people inspired by mutual trust there was something in the peacefulness of Dart-haven, and the spirit of the season, which compelled confidences. With the sea a panorama before them they had sat on the hotel veranda until twinkling lights appeared to trace the arc of the curved promenade.

Brian had comparatively little to tell—the episode of Beryl and her honour-seeking father seemed very remote and inconsequent now—but more in detail he described his early struggles and the necessity they had imposed of living very largely within and for himself. Very diffidently he referred to his first acquaintance with Gloria. "Ever since then," he said, simply, "I've never forgotten you, and have always hoped that one day we might meet again."

Gloria spoke of the sorrow that had come into her life, and of how happy she had been as the fiancée of Donald Salisbury. He was, she said, a fascinating lover—handsome, clever and attentive. Her smallest wish had always seemed his greatest desire. That had made the sudden end—the disillusionment—so much worse. At first, when she took the country cottage, she thought she would find solace in solitude and work, and that new surroundings would enable her to find peace, if not forgetfulness. Yet, latterly, she had begun to doubt whether shutting herself away, and becoming selfish and self-centred, could ever bring back true happiness.

Very lightly Brian rested a hand on hers. "My dear," he said, "I think I understand. And one day—because I know I love you very sincerely—I should like to come and ask you whether you can ever love me, and whether, together, we can forget what loneliness means."

When Gloria turned to him Royle saw that her eyes were tear-dimmed. "That," my dear," she said, "is very sweet of you. I do believe you, and when we've got to know each other better, I think the answer will be what you seek. But the wound was very deep, and you must be patient and give me time."

Brian was well content. Retiring that night, mingled with thoughts of the most splendid girl in the world, were grateful remembrances of Gower. "Of course," Brian colloquially, "he's an incorrigible flirt, but a damned good sort all the same. If it hadn't been for him, I'd never have known who was round the next corner."

The Seven Pillars Of Fascism

THE Fascist regime in Italy rests primarily on the shoulders of the Duce, but under him there are seven lieutenants who have passed from office to office, seven men who compose the orchestra and lead the dance which keeps the country breathless.

First of all, Count Galeazzo Ciano, Mussolini's chosen successor, the "magnificent son-in-law." He was born at Livorno in 1903. His father Costanzo Ciano was a follower of Mussolini's from the first, but at the time of the march on Rome, Galeazzo was a young man more taken up with girls and his tailor than with politics. He dabbled in journalism but no one took him seriously. He tried the theatre and wrote two little plays which were never presented.

His father Costanzo, to whom the Duce could refuse nothing, pushed him into a diplomatic career. He was sent to Rio de Janeiro as a young attaché. In 1929, after the Treaty of Latern, he was secretary to the Italian Embassy at the Vatican. But it was in 1930 that the handsome young man made the best coup of his life: he married Edda Mussolini.

After the marriage, celebrated with unheard-of pomp—it is said that the Duce gave his daughter a present of eight million lire—the couple was sent to Asia. Galeazzo was Consul at Shanghai, then, in 1933, Minister in China. But Edda, more ambitious, obtained the recall of her husband; he was named delegate to the Economic Conference in London; then he became chief of the Press Bureau and President of the Council. Then came the war in Ethiopia and for the sake of his prestige Ciano took part.

On his return from Africa, in 1936 he was named Minister of Foreign Affairs, the youngest Minister of Foreign Affairs in the world.

Italo Balbo, Lieutenant No. 2, was born in 1896 in the province of Ferrara. During the war he fought valiantly: physical courage was his outstanding quality.

After the seizure of power, Balbo was named Commandant-General of the Fascist militia that Mussolini had just created. From 1929 to 1933, he was Air Minister and brought into being the aerial army of which Italy is so very proud.

Balbo was a friend of Mussolini and was the only one who could stand up to him.

The Duce loves to change his Ministers and the latter never know when they are going to be sacked or given another post.

In 1933 Balbo was made Governor of Libya. In this capacity he did fine work in transforming the land into a model colony. His

By Emmanuel D'Astier

reputation was such that he was popularly regarded as Mussolini's successor.

Perhaps that is why he died in a mysterious aeroplane accident last year.

And now we come to Dino Grandi, Mussolini's friend and very influential. In the beginning he was antagonistic to Mussolini but at the Congress of Rome in 1921 a reconciliation was brought about.

At the time of the march on Rome, Grandi took an active part in the movement. After holding various governmental posts he became Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1930.

In 1934, he was appointed Ambassador to London, which position he held for some time.

Ever since November, 1936, Arturo Bocchini has been the supreme and all-powerful chief of the Italian Police. Every morning he feels the pulses of Italian life and takes measures to ensure the physical and moral invulnerability of the Duce. He never has a holiday.

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He is tired, after fourteen years of formidable work, and is dreaming of retiring to the country, leaving his responsibilities to his favourite lieutenant, Commander Schiavo.

Achille Starace, until recently General Secretary of the Fascist Party, is a member of the Council of Ministers and of the Council of Fascism.

He was born at Gallipoli in 1889 and carries his fifty-one years well. He is servile to Mussolini and bullying with humbler folk. He is not at all popular.

He distinguished himself in the war of 1914-18, winning several medals. After the Armistice, the Fascist venture tempted him.

He organised the first unions in southern Italy and attracted the notice of Mussolini. In 1921 he became Vice-General Secretary of the Fascist Party. He took part in several punitive operations and was called upon to destroy by violence the organisations of the Left. In this task he showed himself a cruel man, a one hundred per cent. Fascist, always ready for a fray. He became general secretary of the party after the disgrace and dismissal of his predecessor, Augusto Turati, in 1931.

Starace is the type that pleases the Duce: moderately intelligent, a demon for work, a meticulous executor of orders, circumspect.

Roberto Farinacci ranged himself on the Duce's side soon after the war and organised Fascist squads in the valley of the Po.

After the march on Rome, as a recompense for all his services, he was made an advocate and in order to enable him to practise his profession, he was allowed to pass all the examinations before a specially called commission.

However, his air of being indispensable annoys Mussolini who



Evacuated mothers and children leaving a London school for the railway station. (Copyright, Fox).

dislikes him and now uses him only for the writing of polemics in his organ *Regime Fascista*.

Virginio Gayda, born in Rome in August, 1885, was a Fascist partisan from the beginning.

It was in 1926 that he became director of the *Giornale d'Italia* and made himself notable for his hatred of the Germans and the Serbs. After the reversal of the Mussolman policy on the subject of Yugoslavia and the rest, Gayda, who is only a very humble servant of the pen at the orders of the master, turned his coat and now he adores Serbs and Germans whom he formerly vilified, and

spits upon the French.

Gayda writes the leading article in the *Giornale d'Italia* every day and on Sundays the whole of a special edition. Americans have calculated that he produces 500,000 words a year. He takes his orders from Ciano.

Sometimes it happens that Ciano's orders do not conform with Mussolini's wishes. Then Gayda, who has already written an article in accordance with instructions from the Chigi Palace hastens with sweat on his brow to change it from top to bottom in accordance with the wishes of the Venice Palace. He is blindly submissive and accepts everything.

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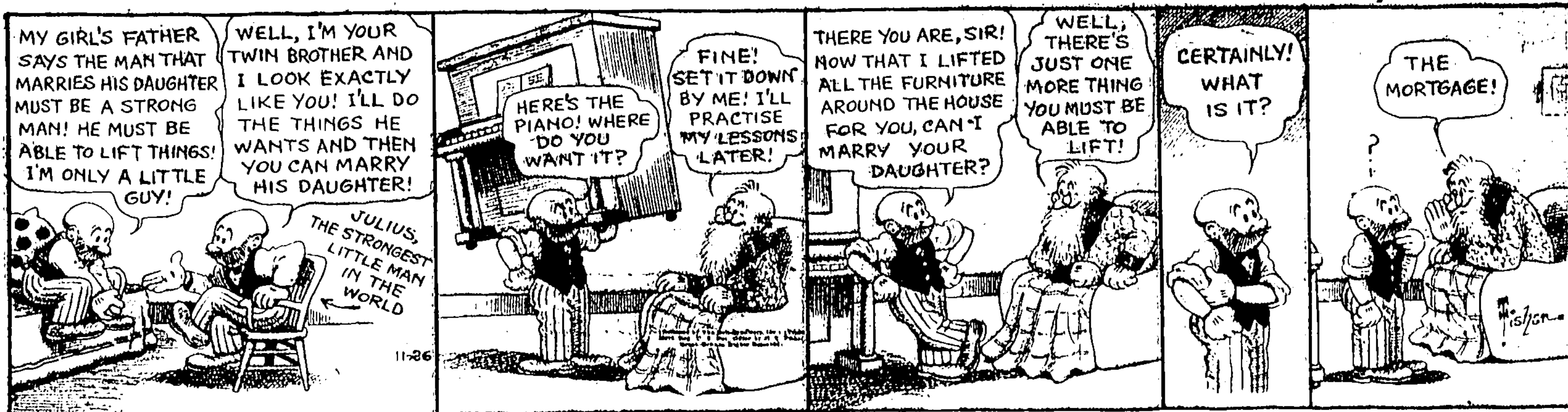
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"Dressing smartly, or fashionably, doesn't come naturally to every woman. Some women have an innate flair for being chic; others haven't. But smartness may be acquired by the woman who seriously desires it."

A Basic Wardrobe

"I believe," Claudette continued, "that the basic wardrobe of any girl to-day should include one well-fitted suit with a blouse, a sweater and the right bag, gloves, shoes and hat to go with a tailored costume. The suit doesn't have to be custom made. You can buy excellent suits in department or specialty shops and have them altered to your figure measurements. But one important thing to remember is that high-heeled shoes are definitely not smart with a suit. A suit requires a medium or lower heel."

"The next costume in this three-piece smart wardrobe is a good, black crepe dress. It should not be fussy, or in any way styled to a current fad. It should do all that it possibly can for your particular figure which, nine times out of ten, means it should be severely simple with a flattering neckline, long or bracelet-length sleeves and probably a bias or circular skirt, or a nicely gored skirt."

"With a few inexpensive but not flashy accessories, this dress can become a dozen different costumes for dinner or office wear. You may have a felt hat and a



HELEN PARRISH, the pretty young lady who has grown up suddenly, models a black hat with colorful birds which will dress up a basic.

black velvet hat. You will be smarter than the girls who go in for coloured dresses and then attempt to select harmonising accessories! You know that is a difficult task.

"Third and last comes an evening gown of either black or white with a jacket which turns the

formal gown into a dinner dress. This jacket should be coloured. If a shade looks particularly well on you in night light, wear that colour. Gold, silver or stone studded belts enliven the dress and offer frequent change. Wear a necklace or earrings but never both at the same time!"

Every Woman Has Two Personalities

You have only to look at the two photographs of pretty Kathryn Adams, to know I am not misleading you when I say you have two personalities! Very definitely Kathryn has two — the one on the left is her casual self; the one on the right is her exotic self.

We, as women, get in the habit of looking the same day in and day out unless a new love interest enters our life. And then how we change from a little drab thrush into a peacock!

Now wouldn't it be a good thing for many of us to pretend a new love has entered our life and see what sort of a Cinderella we could be if a fairy godmother told us we might go to the most exciting ball of the season! What changes we are capable of if only there was an incentive!

Act Up to New Personality

You are going to be terribly surprised at what a change of

neckline does for you, or a new coiffure or a couple of beauty-reviving facials! Simply living through the transformation is going to bring a beguiling sparkle to your eyes, a new lilt to your step and more friendliness to your smile. In other words you are going to radiate charm with a capital C.

Now a warning! Once this transformation is complete you cannot continue acting like your old self. That drab little person you have banished, for the time being at least, and this new exotic self must act up to her part. Don't fear criticism of family or friends — if they chide you it is because they are envious they haven't the will to do what you have done! Act serene in your new found beauty and poise and you will find that life suddenly has taken on new thrills! "Beauty is the magnet that draws all good things to you" is the motto of a modern success school, and a good one for discouraged or disheartened

women to fasten onto.

There is absolutely no sin in indulging your vanity a normal degree. Of course, you should speak in a better regulated voice. Of course, you should wear the colours most becoming to you. Of course, you should reveal your pretty figure if it is pretty. You have every right in the world to wear as provocative a hat or perfume as you desire. You should walk proudly, with your head held high and in pleasing grace. You should be pleased with your appearance if you have spent time and consideration on it. You have a birthright of beauty — why not dramatize it? You as a woman have a responsibility to society, so why shrink it? You should be just as attractive, just as charming, as you possibly can make yourself. So why go around looking like an unloved, unwanted being when you can look radiantly lovely by simply concentrating on that exotic personality which has been buried through neglect?

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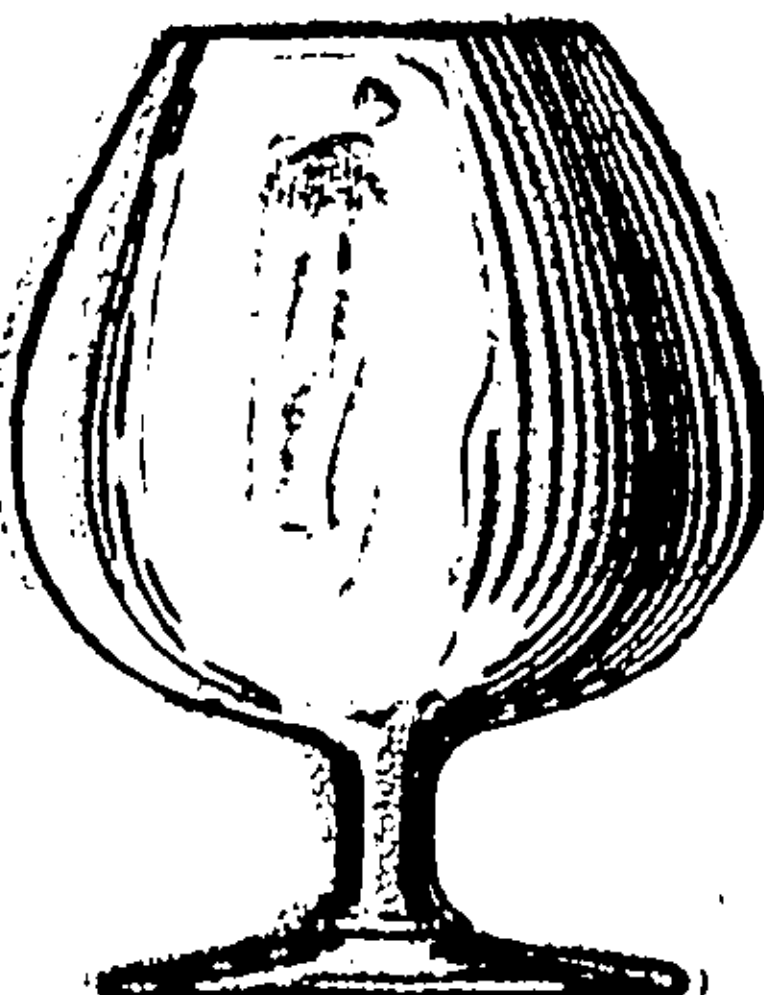
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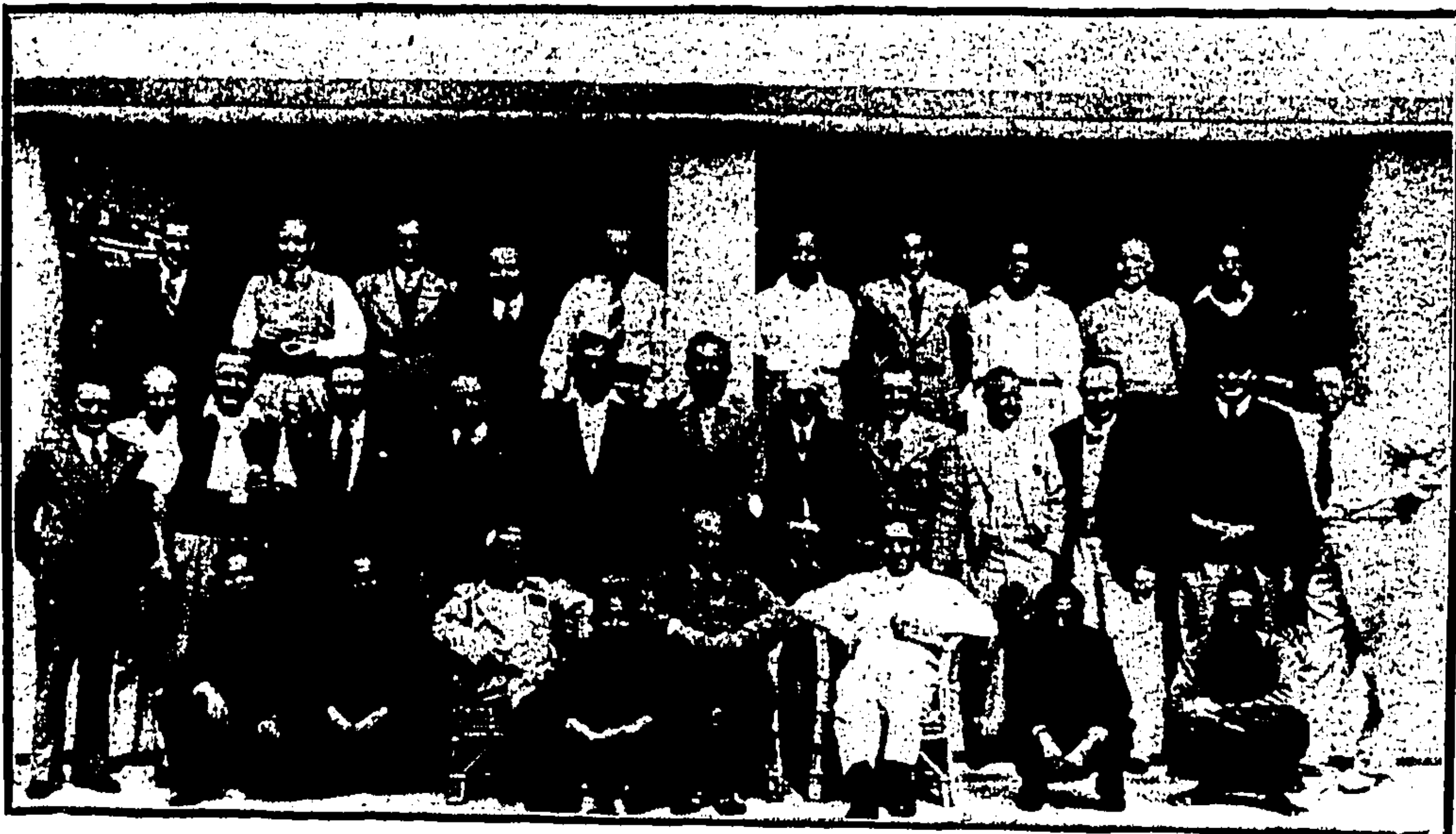
Local Sports



Major C. M. Manners (skip of the President's Team) and Mr. B. D. Evans (skip of the Vice-President's Team) in the Annual Bowls Event of the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day.



A snap taken during the match between the Police and the Destroyers at the Navy Ground last Sunday in King's Park.



A RAID ON THE VILLAGE SHOP — The youngsters who have been evacuated from London to this Berkshire village, soon found the position of the local "sweets and toys" shop. Here are some of them doing a little window gazing before purchasing. (Copyright, Fox).

(Left)—A group photo taken at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day on the occasion of the annual President versus Vice-President Bowls Match.



A group of baseball players taken before the "Charity Softball Match at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and the Combined U.S. Navy in aid of the Bomber Fund.



KING AND QUEEN VISIT COMMUNAL CENTRES.— Their Majesties the King and Queen visited Communal Centres in South London and chatted to some of the people who are without gas and who go to the Central School and get meals for a few pence. Photo shows the King watching some of the people enjoying their meals at the Centre while Her Majesty chats to one of them at the table. (Copyright, Fox).

(Left)—American destroyers recently crossed the Atlantic to join the British Fleet. Photo shows two of the ships proceeding on their way while the sun sets in mid-Atlantic. (Official Photograph).